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confluence with the Perkiomen Creek in Marlborough Township,				
Montgomery County to the study limit at Trolley Bridge Road, Milford				
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Molasses Creek and Licking Creek.

The hydrology, hydraulics and drainage areas of the creek, were described. The data included peak flows for the 10, 50, 100 year floods, rise and duration of flooding and flood profiles.

The information given within the scope of this report should be considered for its historical value. Since the publication of this report other flood insurance studies have been undertaken and should also be consulted for current information.

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1.0 AUTHORITY FOR STUDY

This Special Flood Hazard Information Report was undertaken at the request of the Bucks County Planning Commission with the indorsement of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. This report was prepared by the Philadelphia District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers under continuing authority provided in Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act as amended.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF AREA AND LIMITS OF STUDY

This report covers the Unami Creek from its confluence with the Perkiomen Creek in Marlborough Township, Montgomery County, to the study limit at Trolley Bridge Road, Milford Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a distance of 15.9 miles. The flood plain varies along the entire stream but is generally characterized by gently rolling hills occasionally giving way to areas where the side slopes are extremely steep. Due to the rural nature of the area, many of the overbanks are covered with brush and trees. Although the land adjacent to the stream is primarily undeveloped, there are some homes and a Boy Scout Camp along the stream. In addition to that portion of Unami Creek within Bucks County, this report also contains information on Unami, Creek in Montgomery County.

Tributaries to the Unami Creek also studied in this report include Schmoutz Creek, Molasses Creek and Licking Creek. The study areas of Unami Creek and its Tributaries are shown on the General Map. A tabulation of stream mileages and respective drainage areas can be found in Table 1.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

3.1 Surveys

Field surveys, including stream profiles, cross sections and bridge measurements were performed by the Philadelphia District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

3.2 Hydrology

There are no stream gages located on Unami Creek to record historical flood events. The hydrologic analysis consisted of formulating a rainfall-runoff model for the entire Unami Creek Basin using the Corps of Engineers' HEC-I Computer Program, Flood Hydrograph Package. Using the model, hydrographs were computed and peak flows determined from frequency rainfall distributions for hypothetical storms having recurrence intervals of 10-, 50-, and 100-years. The 100-Year Flood is defined as the flood which occurs once in 100 years on the average and has a 1% chance of being equalled or exceeded in any year. Peak flows for the 500-Year Flood were obtained by extrapolating the dischargefrequency curve computed for flood events up to the 100-Year Flood and by comparison with Corps of Engineers' Standard Project Flood calculations. A tabulation of peak flows for Unami Creek and its Tributaries is given in Table 2.

3.3 Hydraulics

Water surface profiles for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-Year Flood events for the Unami Creek and its Tributaries were computed using the Corps of Engineers' HEC-II Backwater Program. Starting water surface elevations for the Unami Creek were obtained through analysis of flooding conditions and backwater effects of the Perkiomen Creek. Similarly, starting water surface elevations for Unami Creek Tributaries were obtained from corresponding flood elevations on the Unami Creek. Water surface profiles shown in this report were developed based on existing conditions of the watershed at the time field surveys were performed. During an actual flood, debris collecting on bridges and culverts could decrease their water-carrying capacity and cause backwater effects upstream of these structures. However, since the location and extent of debris accumulation are impossible to predict, it was necessary, for the purposes of this report, to assume that bridge and culvert openings would remain unobstructed. In addition to bridges and culverts, there are 9 small dams located on Unami Creek within the study area. These dams have essentially no flood storage capacity, nor will they significantly alter the flow chacteristics of floodwaters. Water surface profiles thus developed can be found on Plates 2 through 17. A tabulation of flood elevations at all bridges and culverts can be found in Table 3.

Typical stream cross sections on Unami Creek and its Tributaries and respective water surface elevations for the four frequency flood events are shown on Plates 18 and 19. Maximum

velocities of flow which are expected to occur at these selected cross sections are given in Table 4. Predicted rates of rise and duration of flooding for the 100-Year Flood on the Unami Creek is shown in Table 5.

4.0 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The assistance and cooperation of the Bucks County Planning Commission and private citizens in supplying data for the preparation of this report are appreciated.

Additional copies of this report can be obtained from the Bucks County Planning Commission. The Philadelphia District Office of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, will upon request provide technical assistance to planning agencies in the interpretation and use of the data presented as well as planning guidance and further assistance, including the development of additional technical information.

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TABLE 1

DRAINAGE AREAS

UNAMI CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

	Feet Above	Drainage	Drainage Areas		
Location	Mouth	Tributary sq. mi.	Total (a) sq. mi.		
Unami Creek					
Confluence with Perkiomen Creek	0		48.8		
Schmoutz Creek	46,815	3.79	24.3		
Molasses Creek	53,000	3.40	19.7		
Licking Creek	64,170	3.59	9.7		
Schmoutz Creek					
Confluence with Unami Creek	0		3.8		
Molasses Creek					
Confluence with Unami Creek	0		3.4		
Licking Creek					
Confluence with Unami Creek	0		3.6		

TABLE 2

PEAK FLOWS FOR THE 10-YEAR, 50-YEAR, 100-YEAR AND 500-YEAR FLOODS

UNAMI CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

			Discharges			
Location	Feet Above <u>Mouth</u>	Drainage Area sq. mi.	10- Year Flood cfs	50- Year Flood cfs	100- Year Flood cfs	500- Year Flood cfs
Unami Creek						
Confluence with Perkiomen Creek	0	48.8	8,000	12,000	20,200	35,000
Downstream of confluence with Schmoutz Creek	46,815	24.3	4,900	9,800	12,700	21,500
Downstream of confluence with Molasses Creek	53,000	19.7	4,500	9,200	11,900	19,200
Downstream of confluence with Licking Creek	64,170	9.7	2,400	5,200	6,900	12,000
Schmoutz Creek						
Confluence with Unami Creek	0	3.8	1,060	2,300	3,000	5,100
Molasses Creek						
Confluence with Unami Creek	0	3.4	1,060	2,300	3,000	5,100
Licking Creek						
Confluence with Unami Creek	0	3.6	1,060	2,300	3,000	5,100

TABLE 3

ELEVATION DATA

BRIDGES ACROSS UNAMI CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Identification	Feet Above Mouth	Underclearance Elevation Feet - Mean Sea Level Datum	Water Surfa 100-Year Flood Feet - Mean Se	ce Elevation (a 500-Year <u>Flood</u> a Level Datum
Unami Creek				
Reading RR	150	192.9	191.6	197.9
Perkiomenville Road	1,325	190.9	194.6	200.1
Pa. Rte. 63	9,410	208.5	215.7	219.6
Swamp Creek Road	13,220	216.4	223.7	226.9
Price Road	24,945	314.0	322.0	325.5
Swamp Creek Road	29,200	324.2	330.7	334.4
Upper Ridge Valley Road	36,145	416.0	421.1	424.1
Nursery Road	40,590	424.0	428.9	432.1
Pa. Turnpike, N.E. Extension	42,650	439.8	431.8	435.4
Trumbauersville Road	43,880	429.3	432.9	436.3
Kumry Road	51,515	441.3	445.9	446.5
Allentown Road	58,180	463.9	463.7	466.2
Private Road	61,880	481.1	483.2	487.7
Milford Square Pike	62,200	482.0	485.6	489.4
Pa. Rte. 663	64,040	491.3	495.5	497.3
Private Road	65,960	494.9	500.1	500.9
Mill Pond Road	69 ,67 0	513.8	515.7	516.6
Brick Tavern Road	72,210	523.0	527.5	528.6
Private Road	73,175	529.1	531.5	532.7
Wieand Road	76,275	551.6	555.8	556.8
Rosedale Road	76,925	558.0	562.4	563.6
Grant Road	79,425	582.1	584.7	585.3
Trolley Bridge Road	84,010	663.5	665.3 (b)	665.6 (b)
Schmoutz Creek				
Pa. Turnpike, N.E. Extension	2,190	445.5	441.1	444.3
Doerr Road	2,840	443.2	442.8	447.0
Walnut Lane	5,485	450.4	455.6	456.5

TABLE 3 (Continued)

ELEVATION DATA

BRIDGES ACROSS UNAMI CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Identification	Feet Above <u>Mouth</u>	Underclearance Elevation Feet - Mean Sea Level Datum	100-Year Flood	ce Elevation (a) 500-Year Flood a Level Datum
Schmoutz Creek (co	ontinued)			
Kumry Road	7,740	465.6	464.3	467.5
Private Road	9,645	477.9	480.4	481.0
Brinkman Road	12,375	492.4	495.3	496.0
Pa. Rte. 663	13,115	498.6	505.3	511.8
Sleepy Hollow Road	15,240	515.8	519.7	520.4
Angstadt Road	16,535	526.9	530.1	530.7
Private Road	16,985	530.9	536.0	536.7
Private Road	17,280	535.8	540.5	541.2
Angstadt Road	17,580	539.4	543.2	543.8
Erdman Road	18,110	542.6	546.2	547.0
County Line Road	21,640	597.9	602.2 (b)	602.9 (b)
Molasses Creek				
Rosenberger Road	1,980	461.1	464.9	465.8
Pa. Turnpike,	5,040	516.4	510.3	513.8
N.E. Extension				
Pa. Rte. 663	7,690	522.3	521.4	524.9
Steinburg Road	11,720	539.1	541.6 (b)	542.0 (b)
Licking Creek				
Allentown Road	30	491.4	495.7	497.4
Weiss Road	5,215	515.8	518.9	519.6
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Private Road

Baumans Road

Joann Road

Cassel Road

Steinburg Road

⁽a) Flood elevations are listed for the upstream side of the bridge.

⁽b) Flood elevations for downstream side of bridge.

TABLE 4

MAXIMUM VELOCITIES

UNAMI CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

	Feet		Maximum Velocities				
	Above		0-Year	500-Year			
Cross Section	Mouth		<u>lood</u> <u>Overbank</u> (a)	Floo			
		<u>Channel</u> ft/sec		ft/sec	ft/sec		
Unami Creek							
2	2,475	13.2	7.8	15.0	8.9		
5	16,060	13.1	2.8	15.3	4.0		
11	43,635	6.5	2.5	7.3	3.3		
17	75,060	4.1	2.4	5.1	3.1		
Schmoutz Creek							
20	3,775	2.5	0.9	1.7	0.7		
22	11,035	10.3	5.1	12.1	6.3		
Molasses Creek							
26	3,340	9.8	4.1	5.0	11.2		
Licking Creek							
31	4,725	7.3	3.2	3.6	7.4		

⁽a) Value given is maximum of left or right overbank velocity.

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UNAMI CREEK

100-YEAR FLOOD

Location	Feet Above <u>Mouth</u>	Maximum Rate of Rise ft/hr	Height of <u>Rise</u> ft	Time of <u>Rise</u> hrs	Duration of Critical Stage hrs
Cross Section 2	2,475	1.2	10.8	11.3	25.1

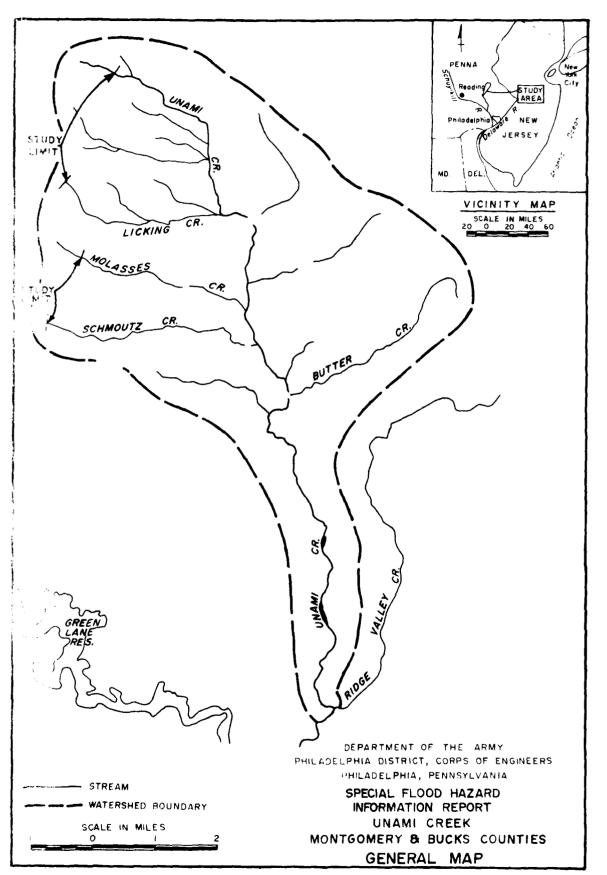
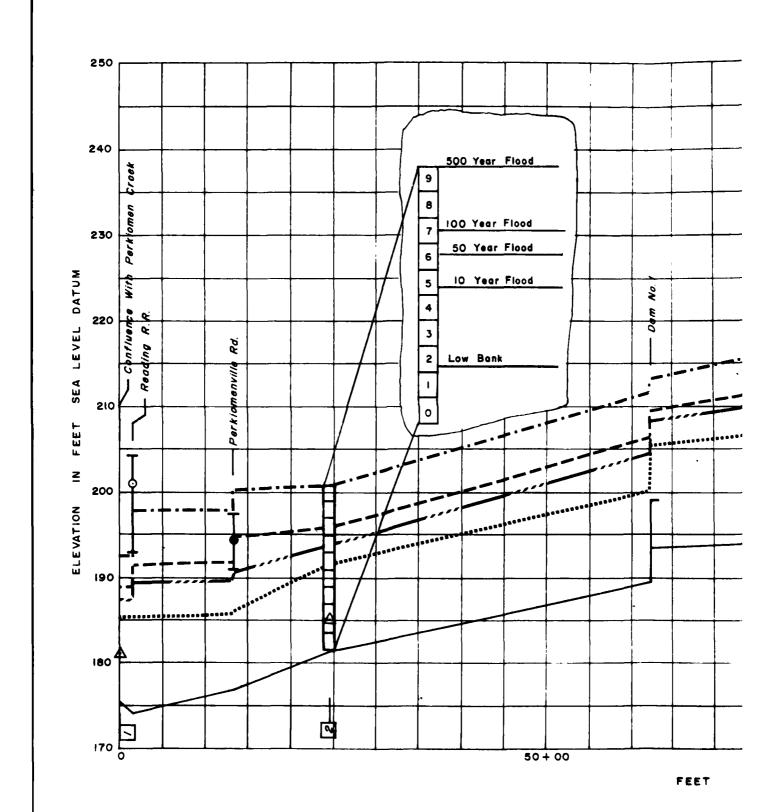
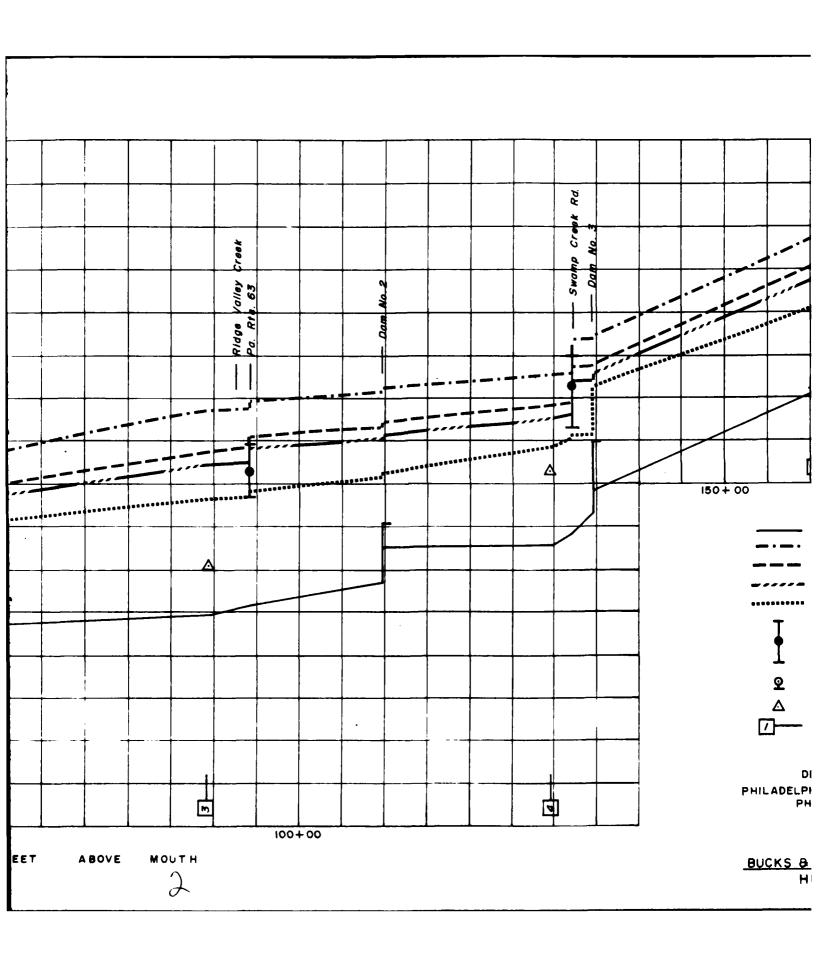
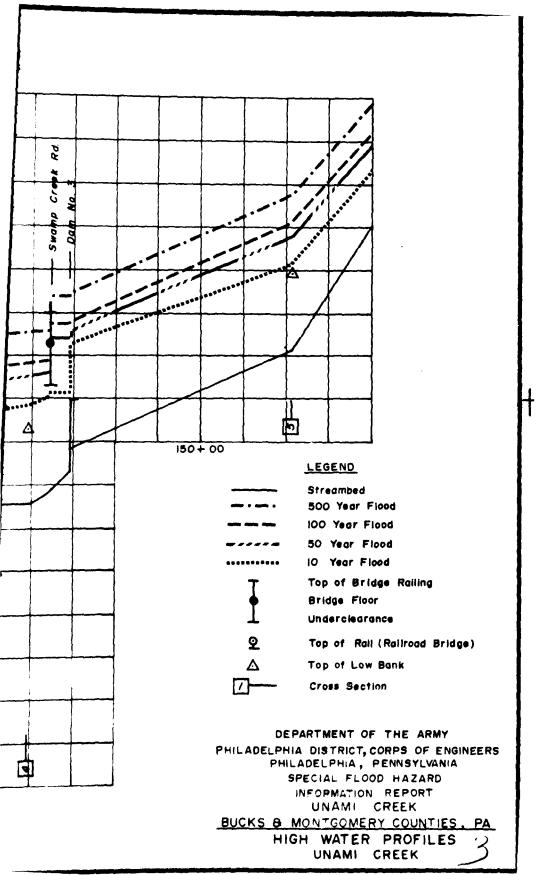


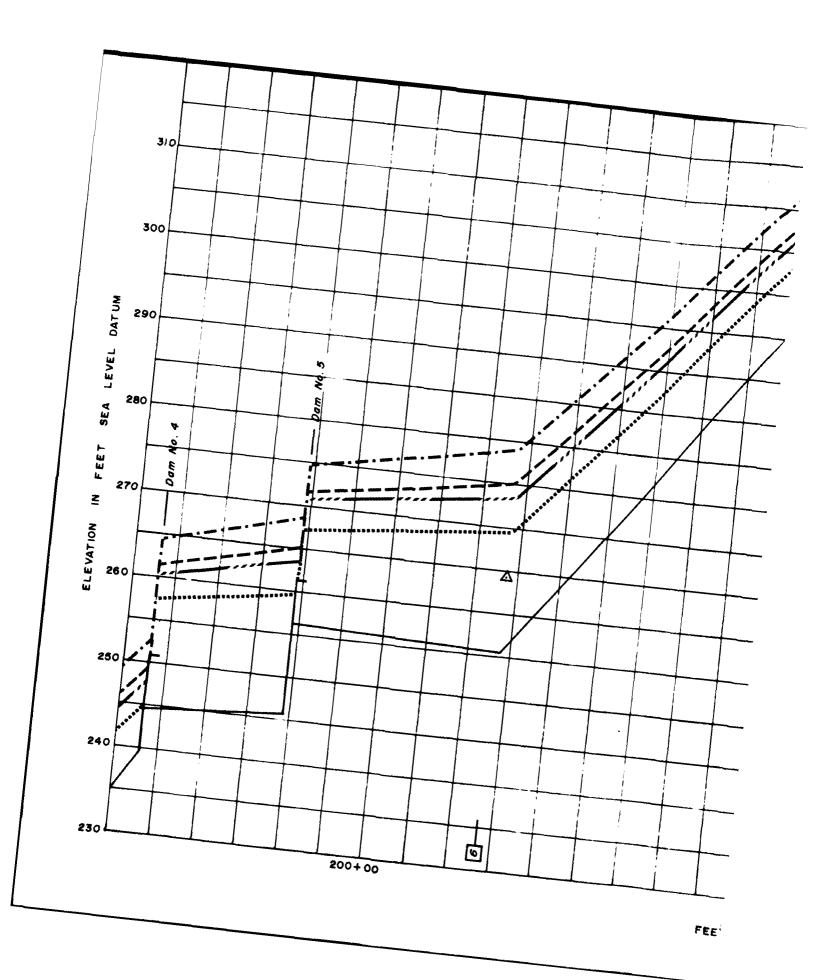
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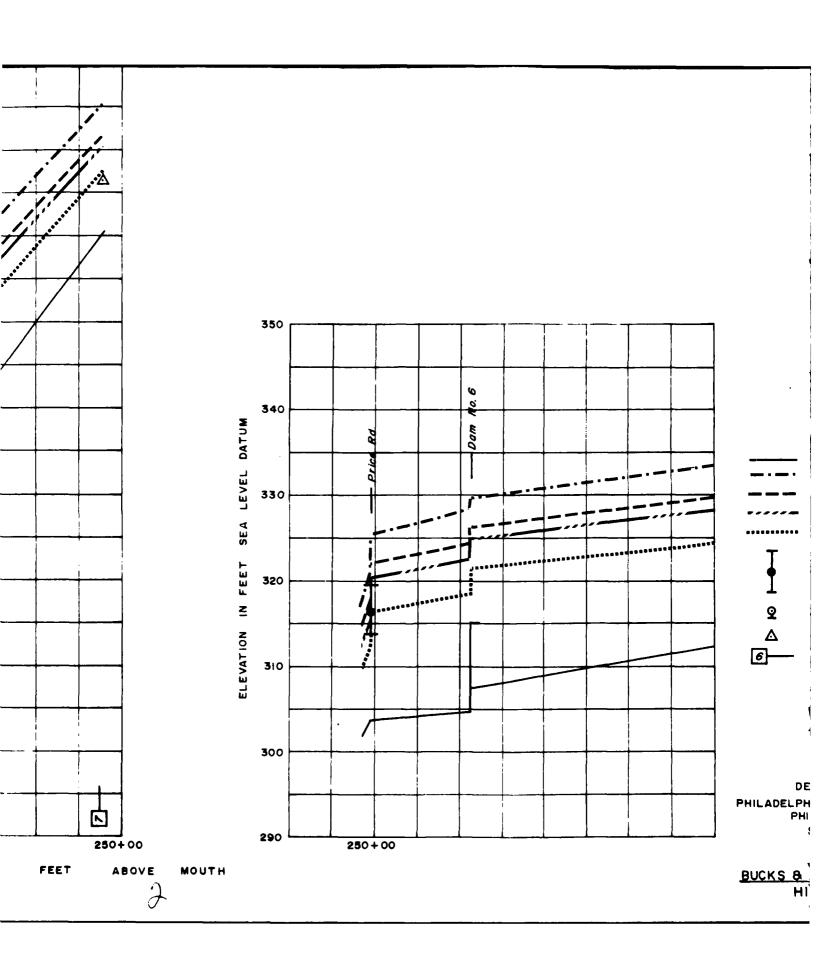
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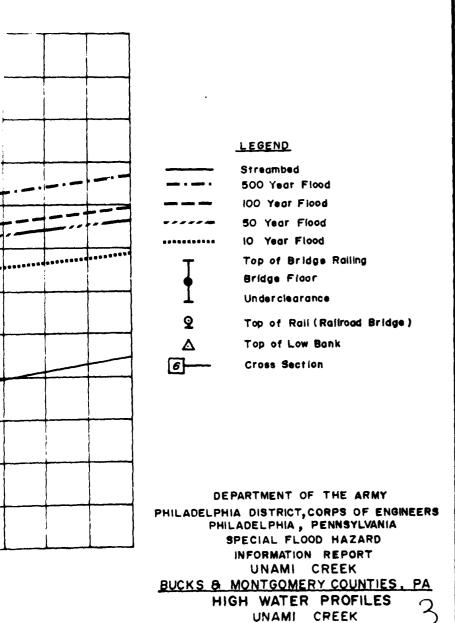
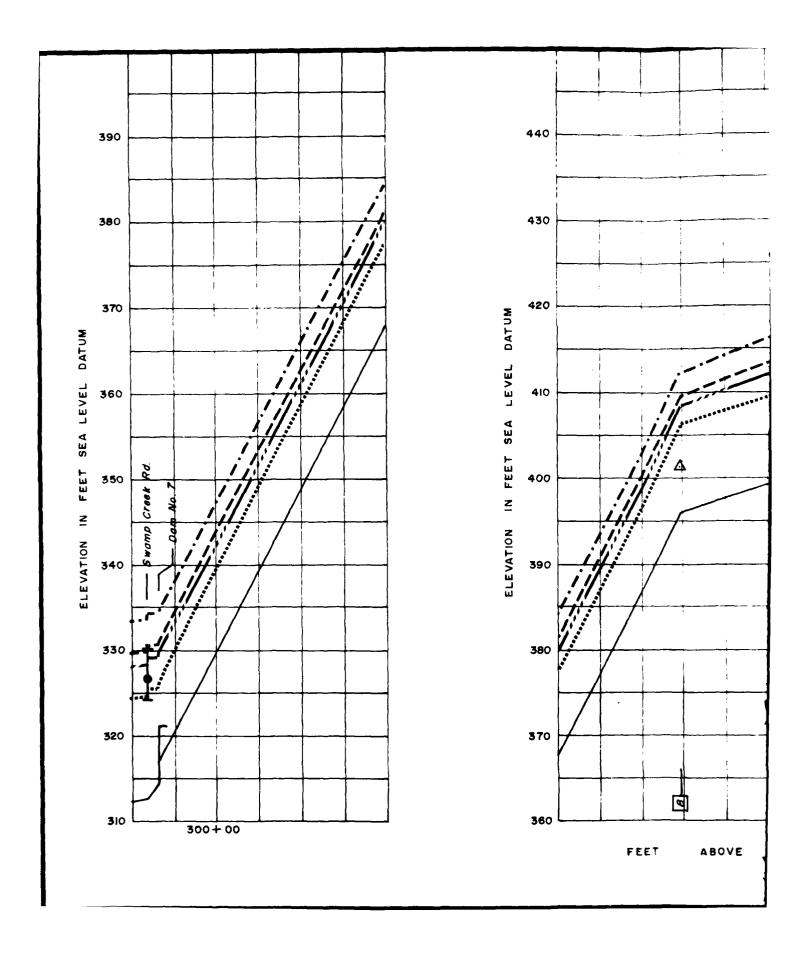
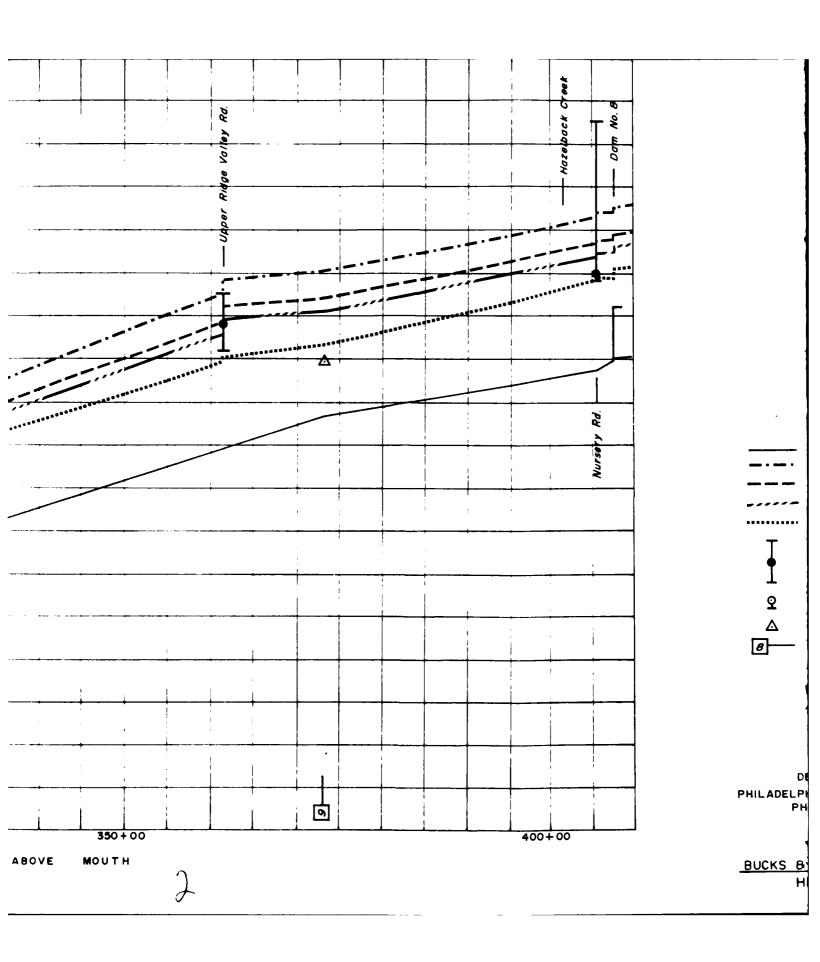
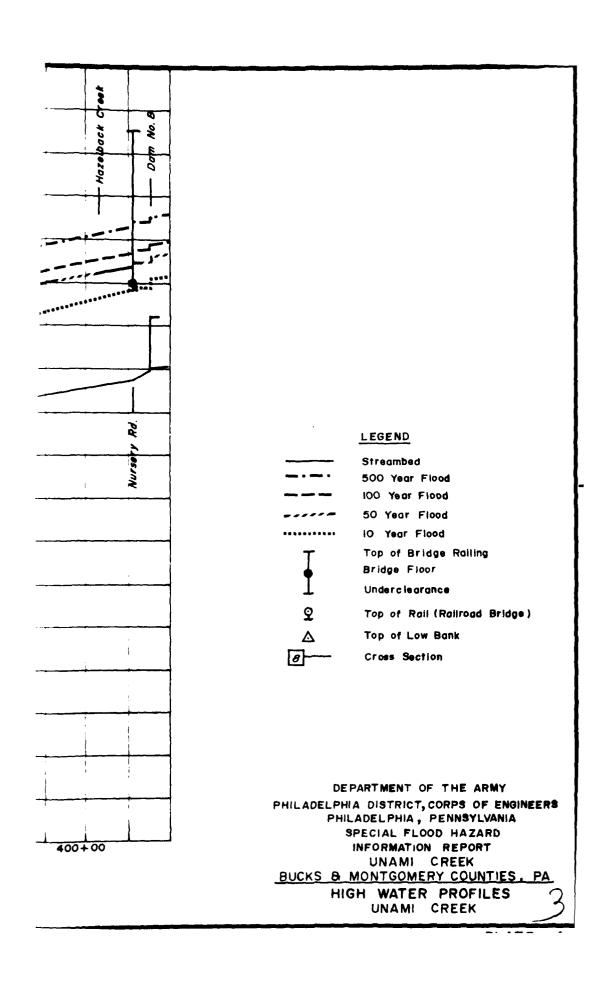
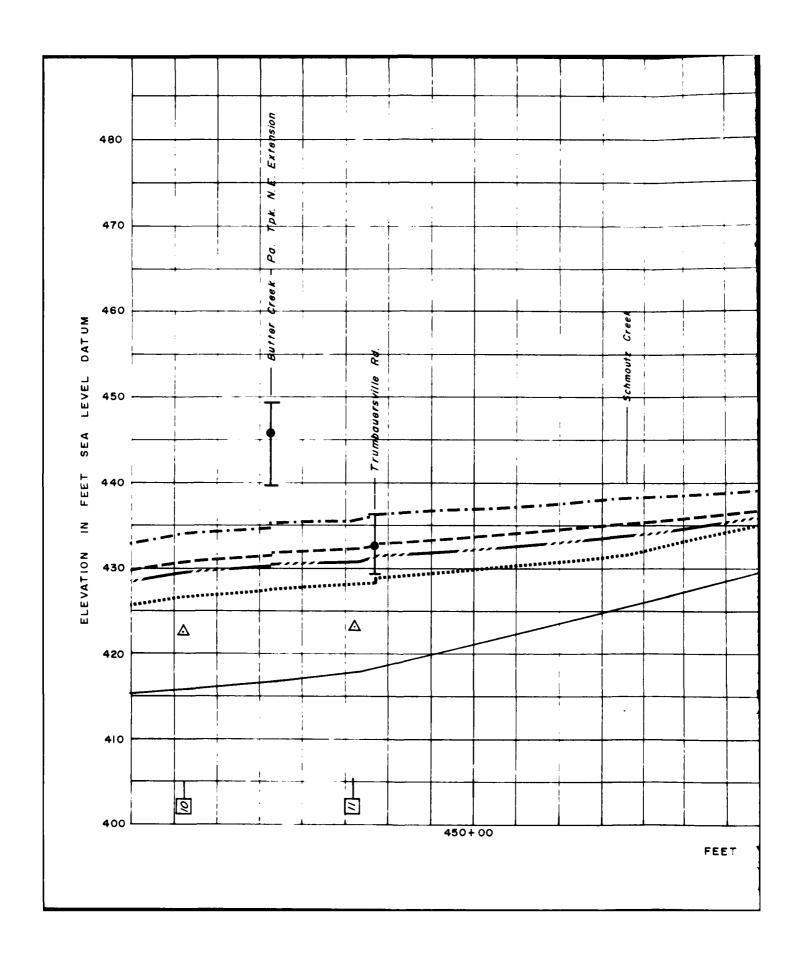


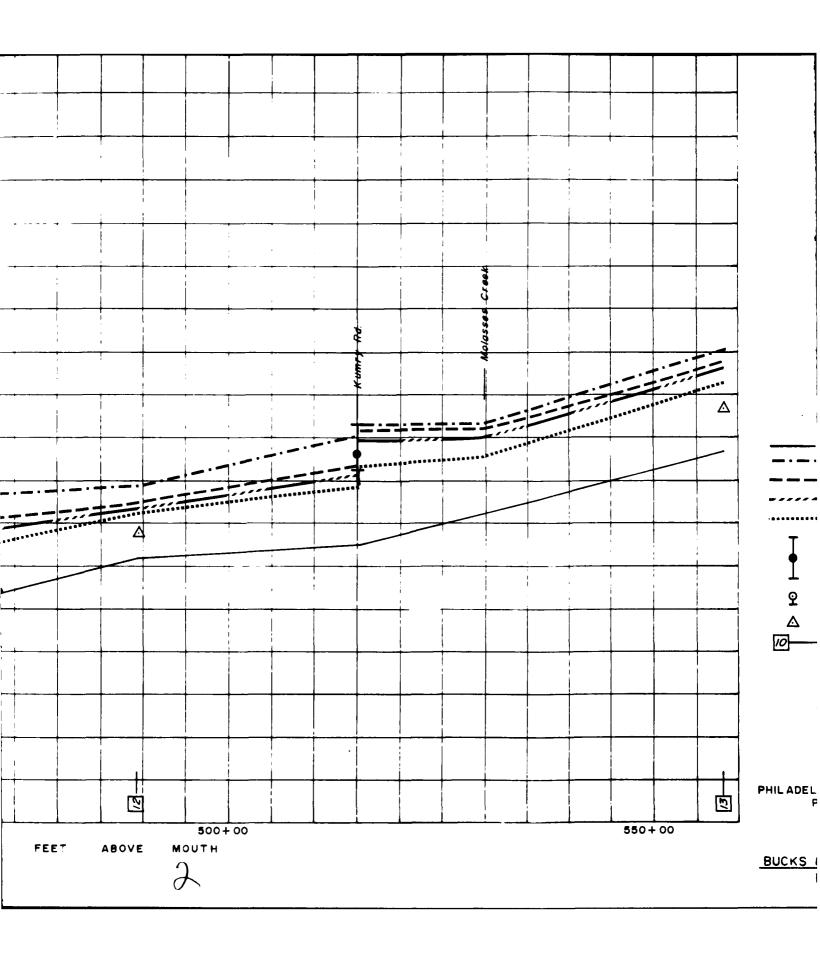
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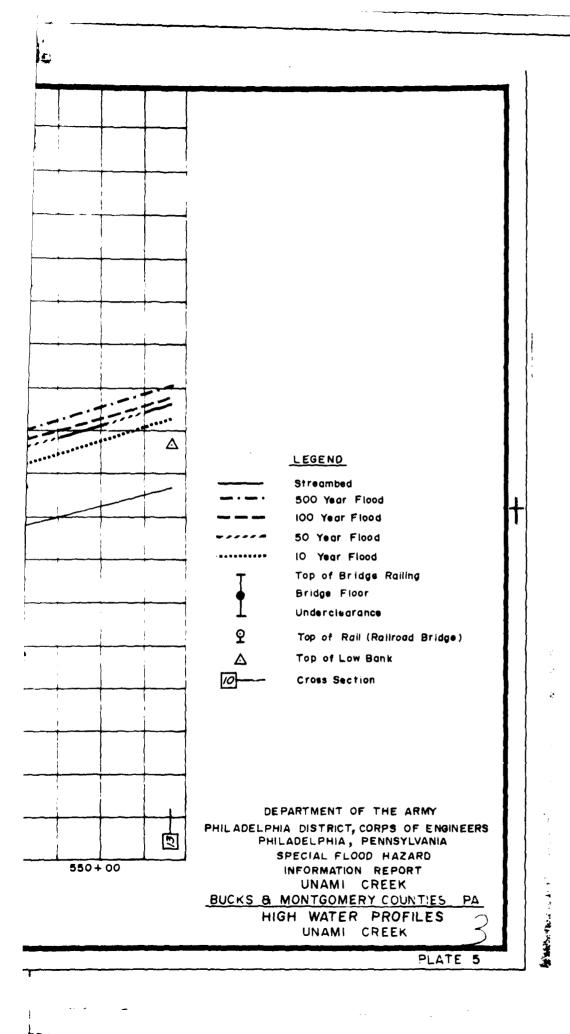


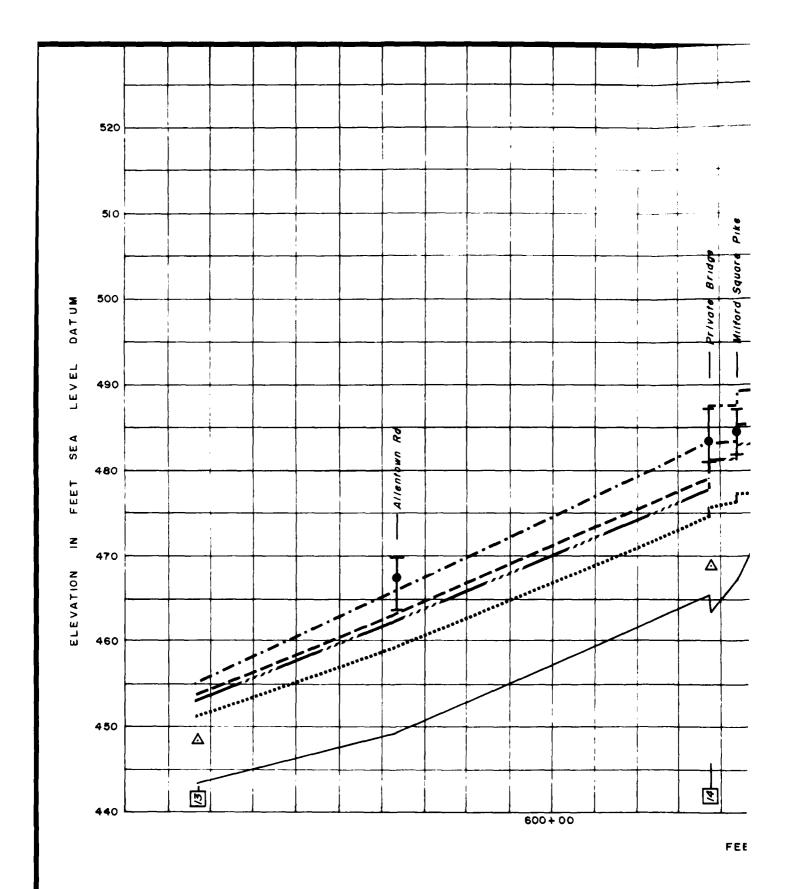


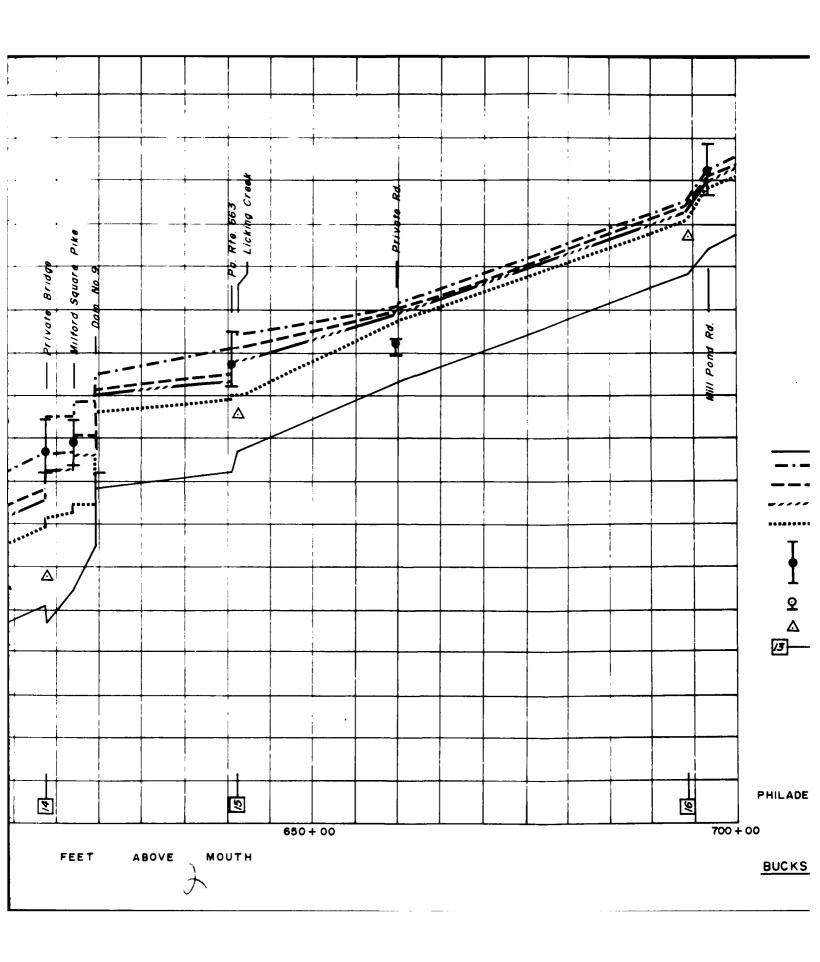


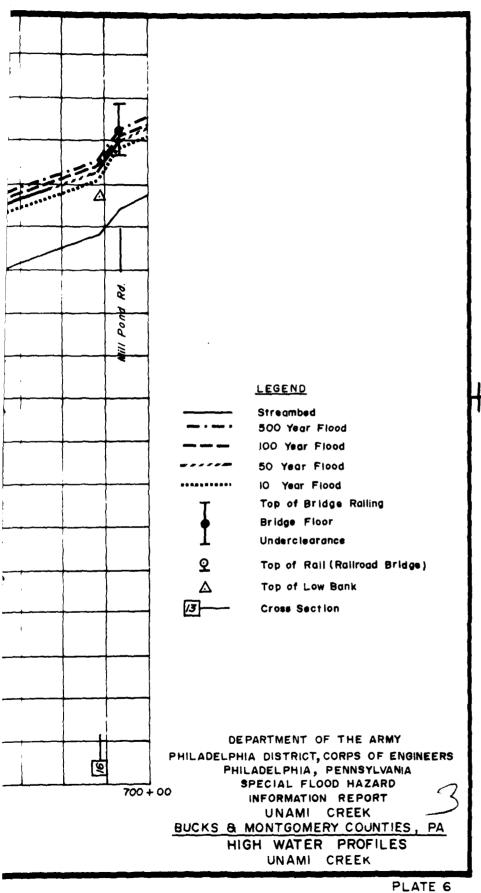


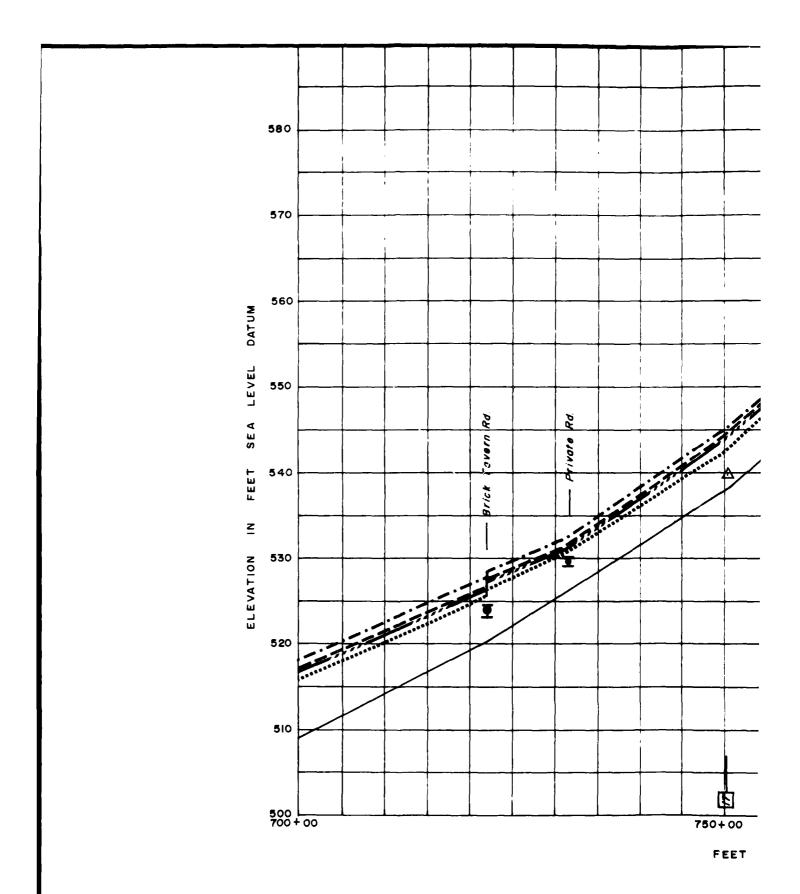


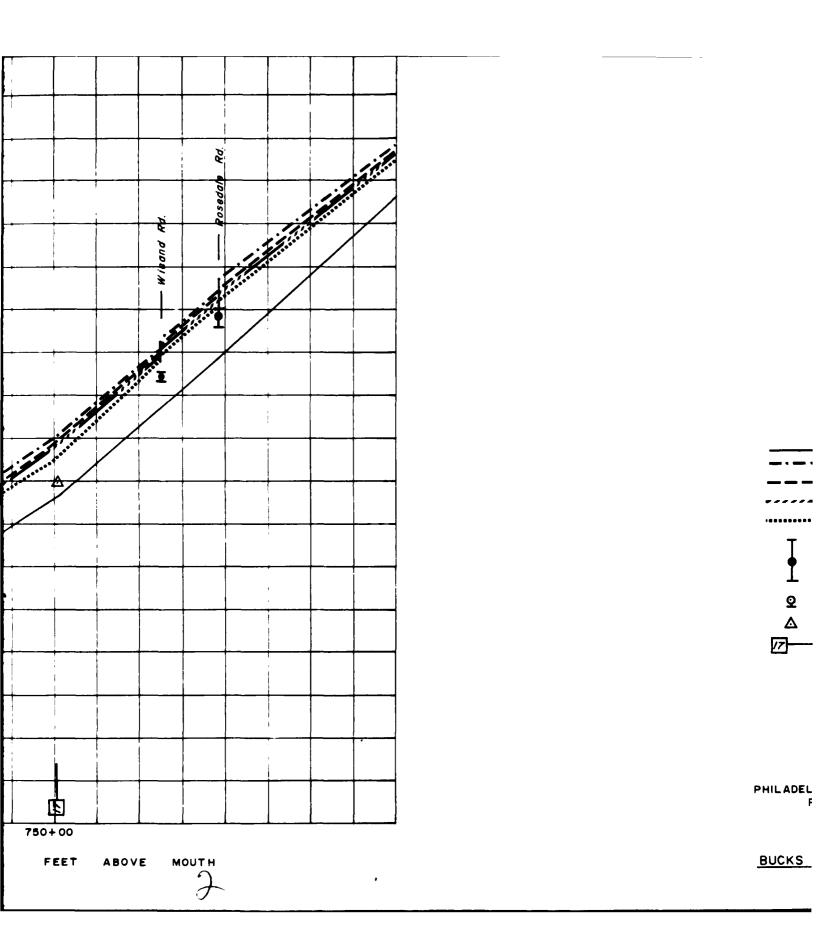












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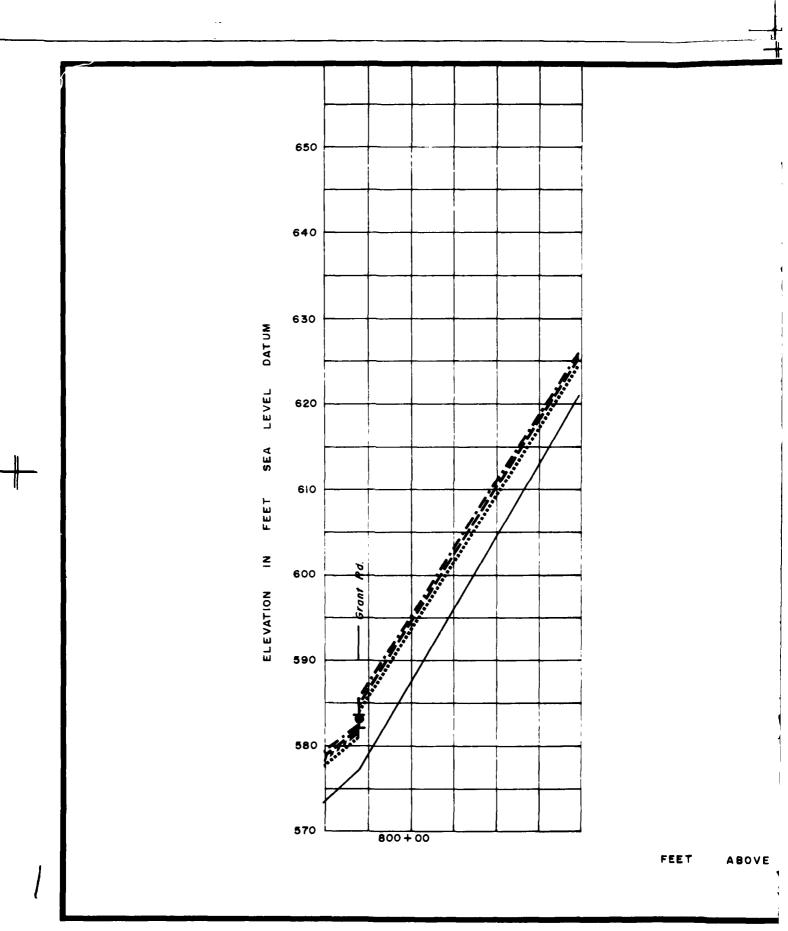
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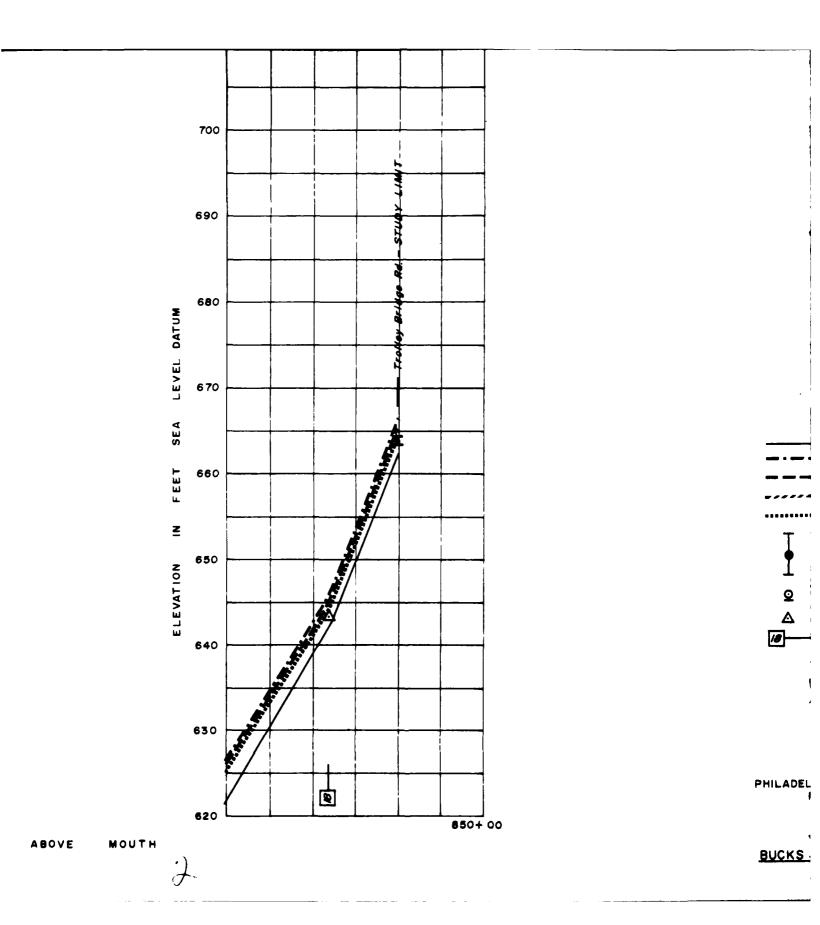
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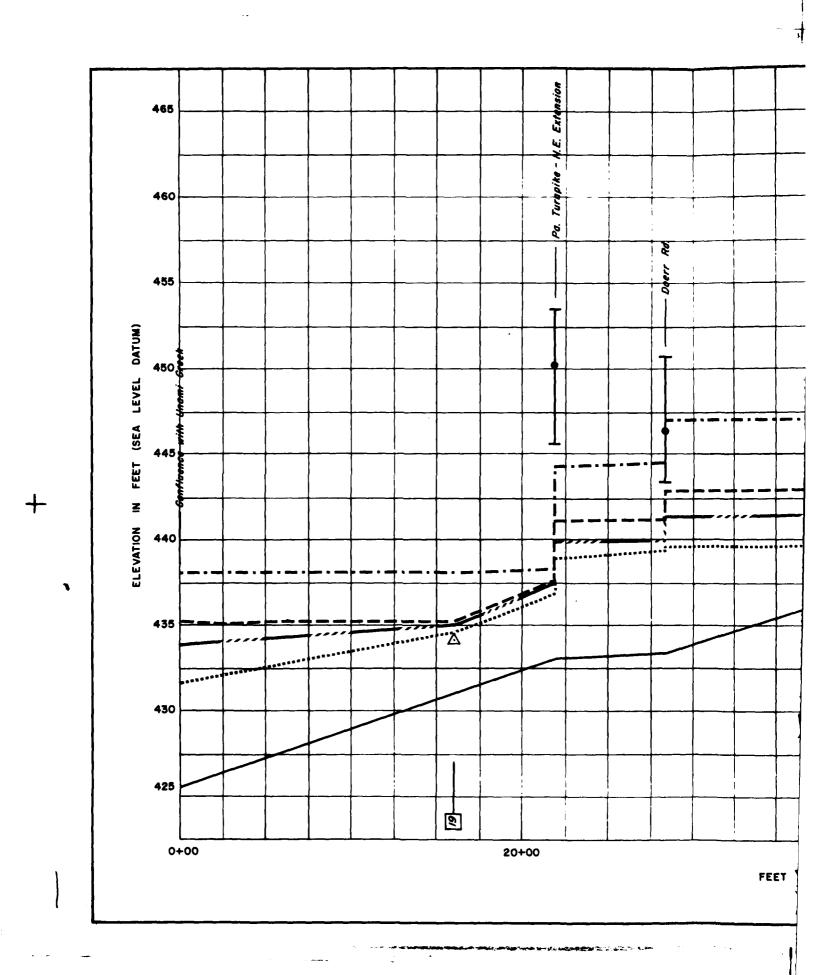
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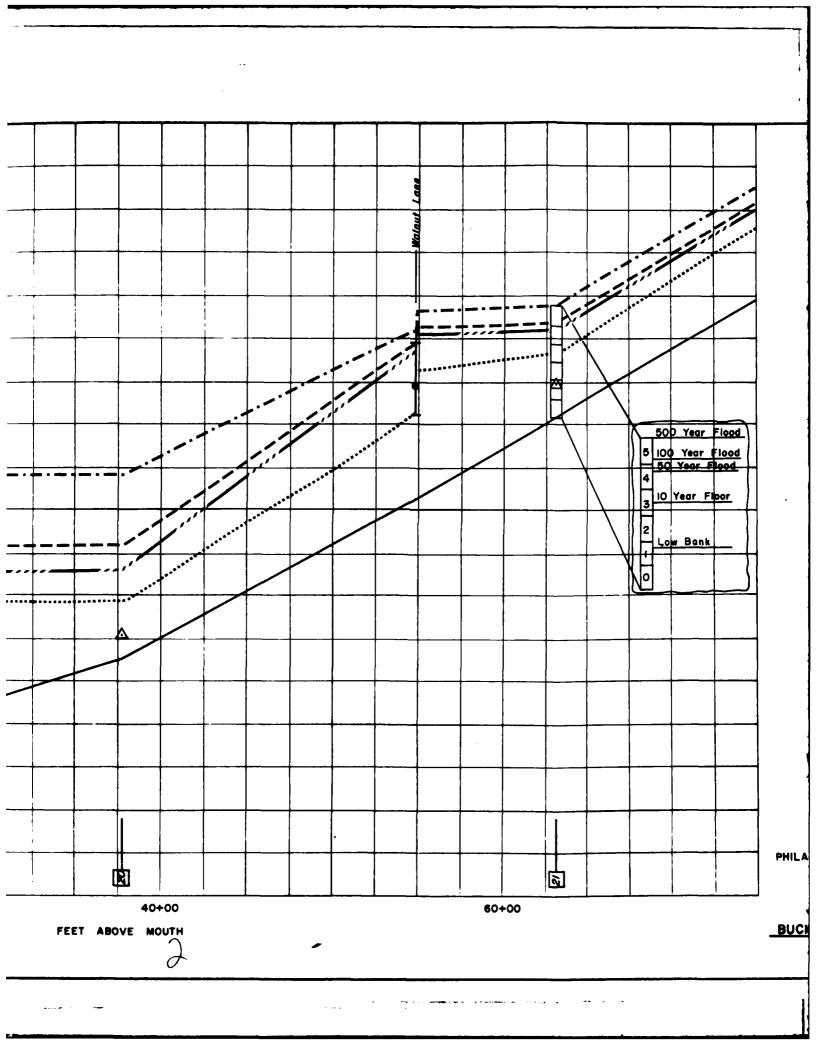
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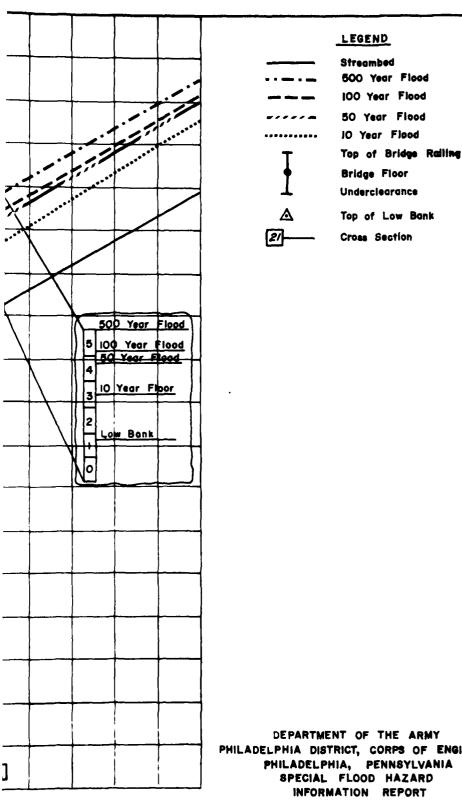
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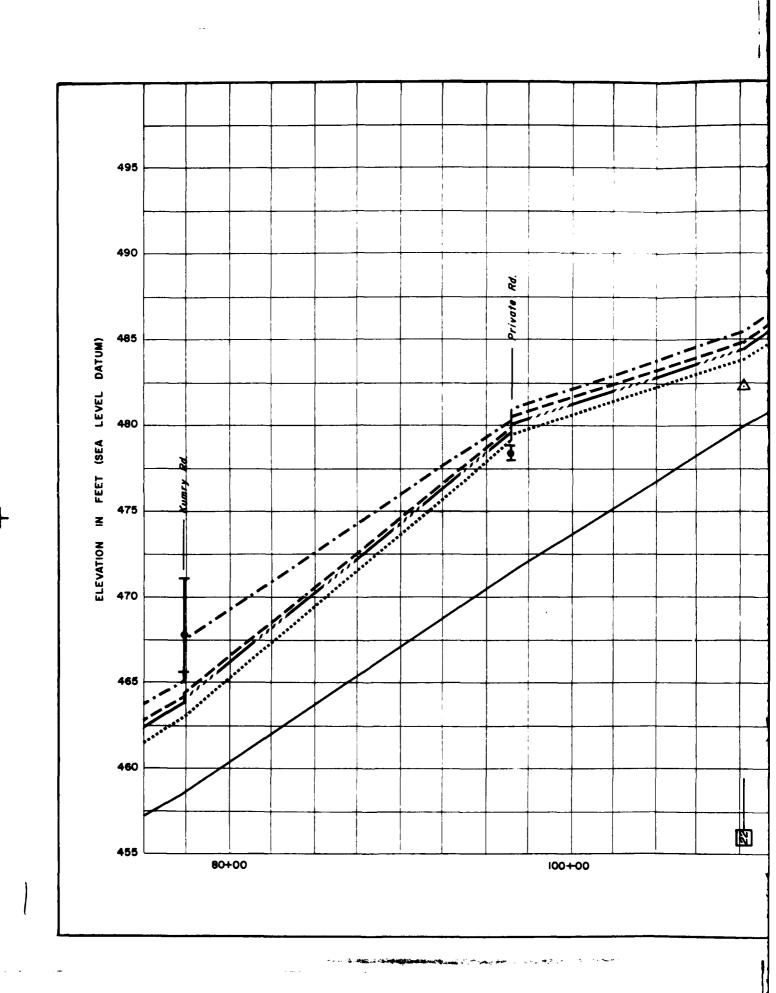


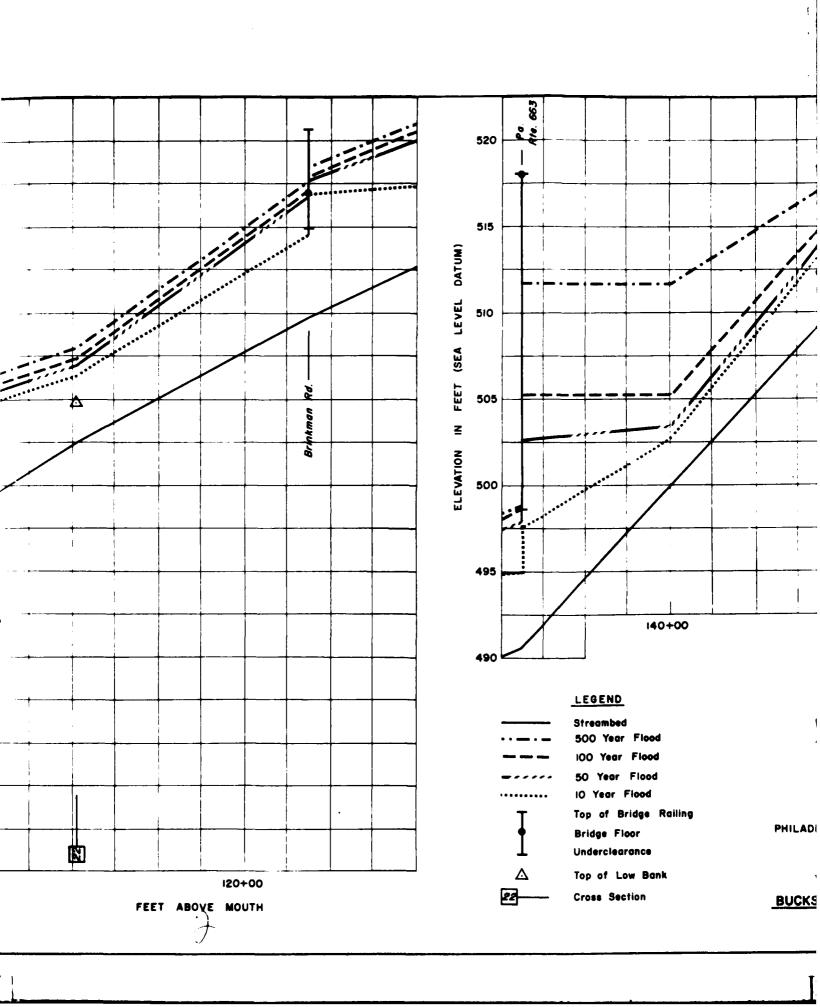


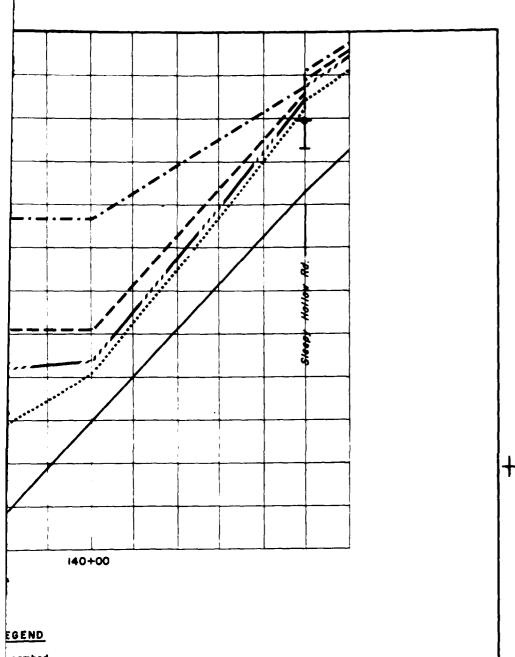


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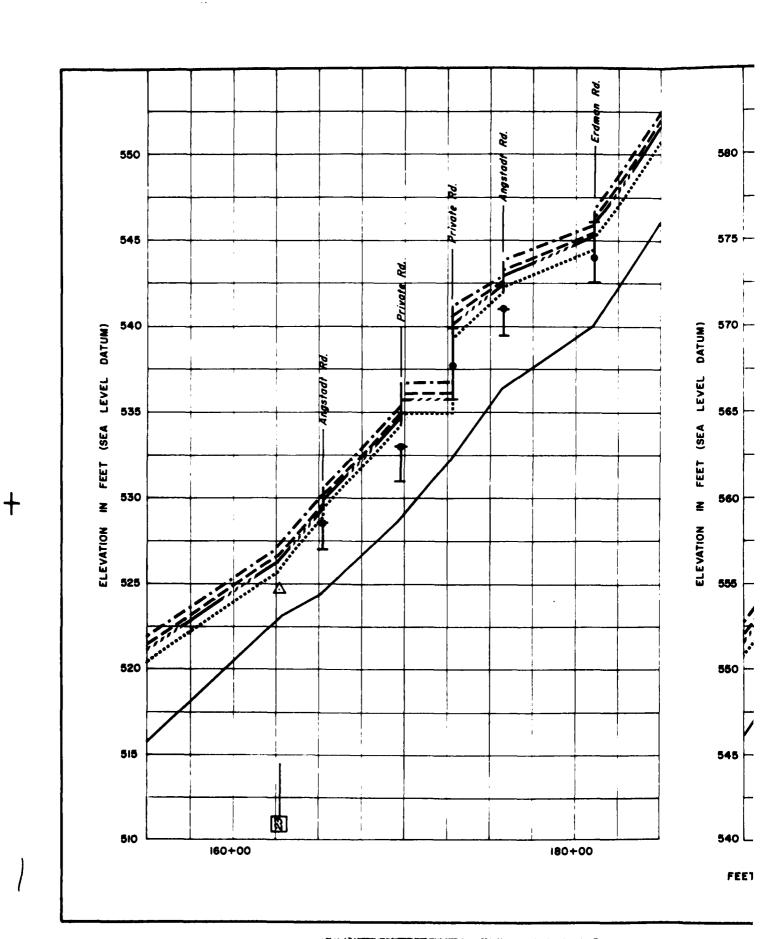
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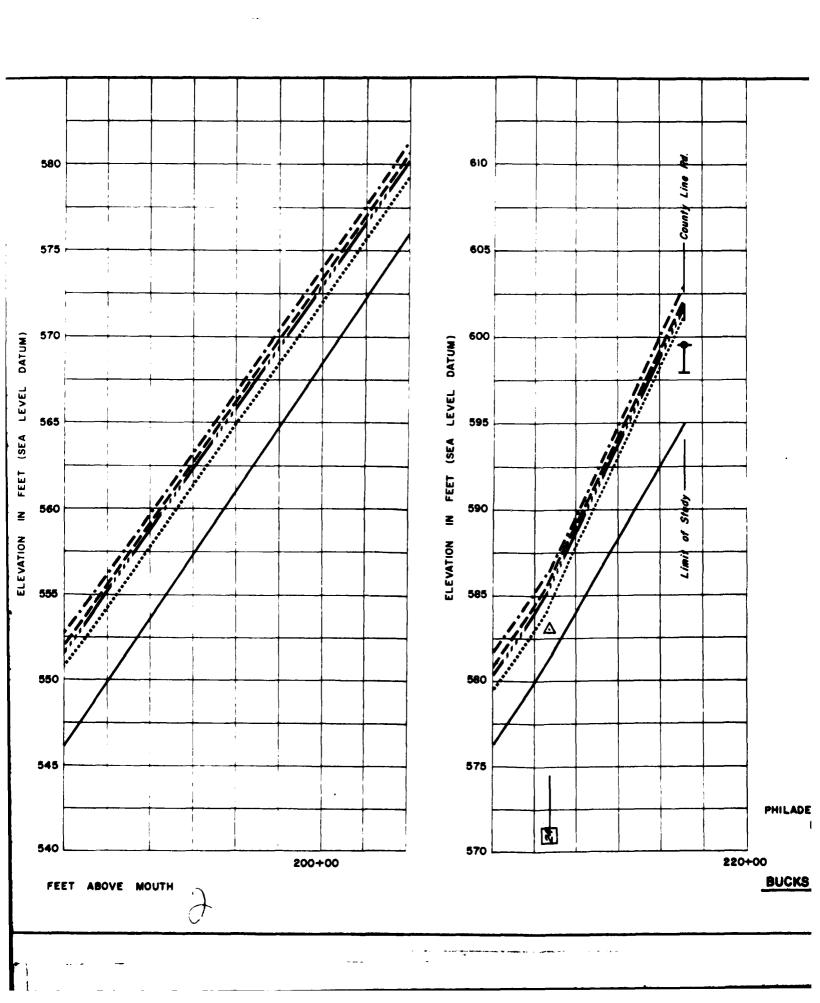
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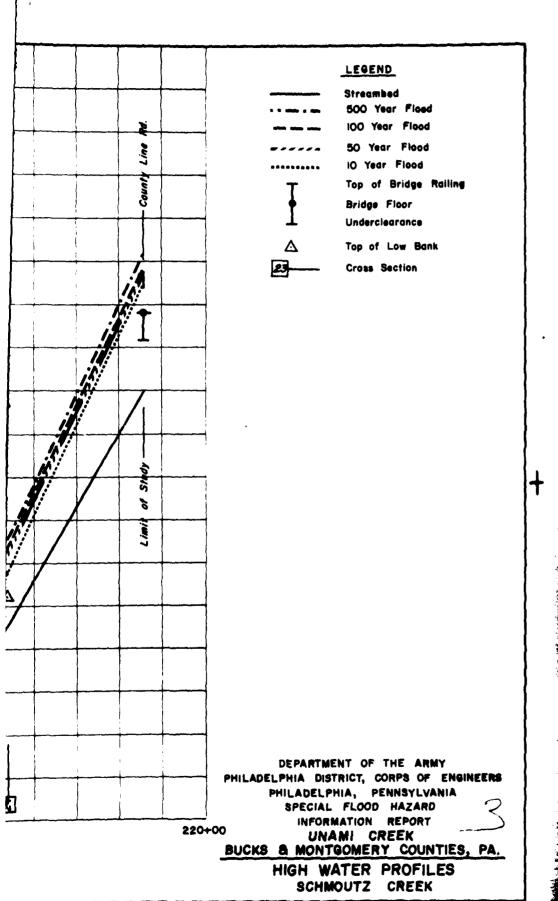
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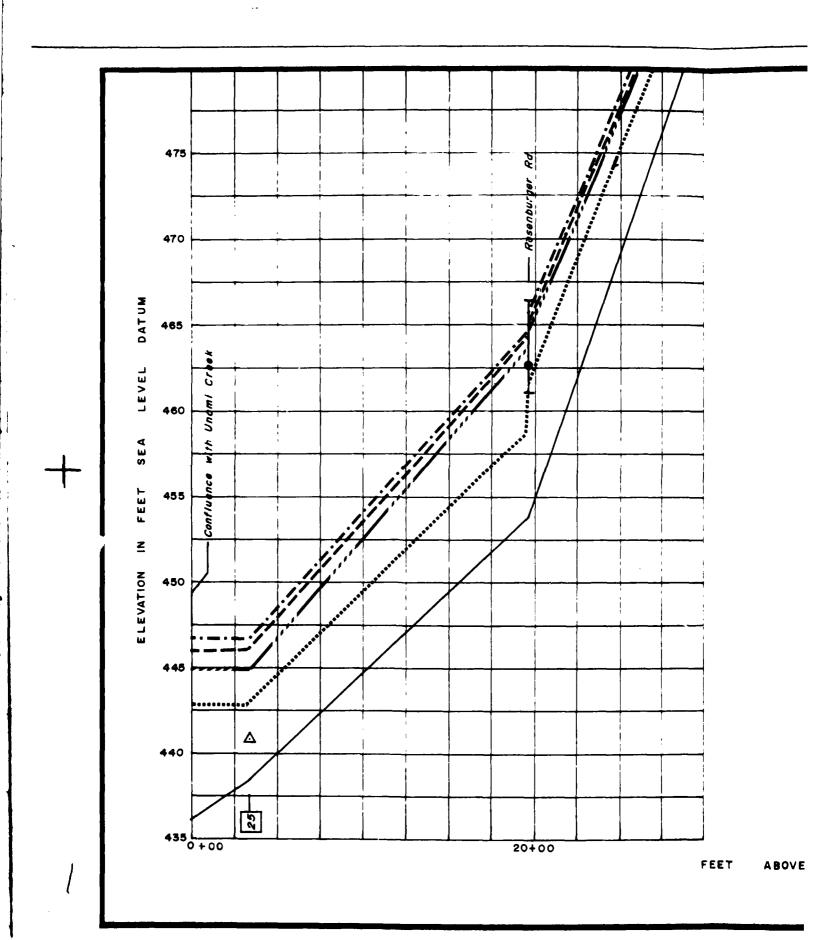
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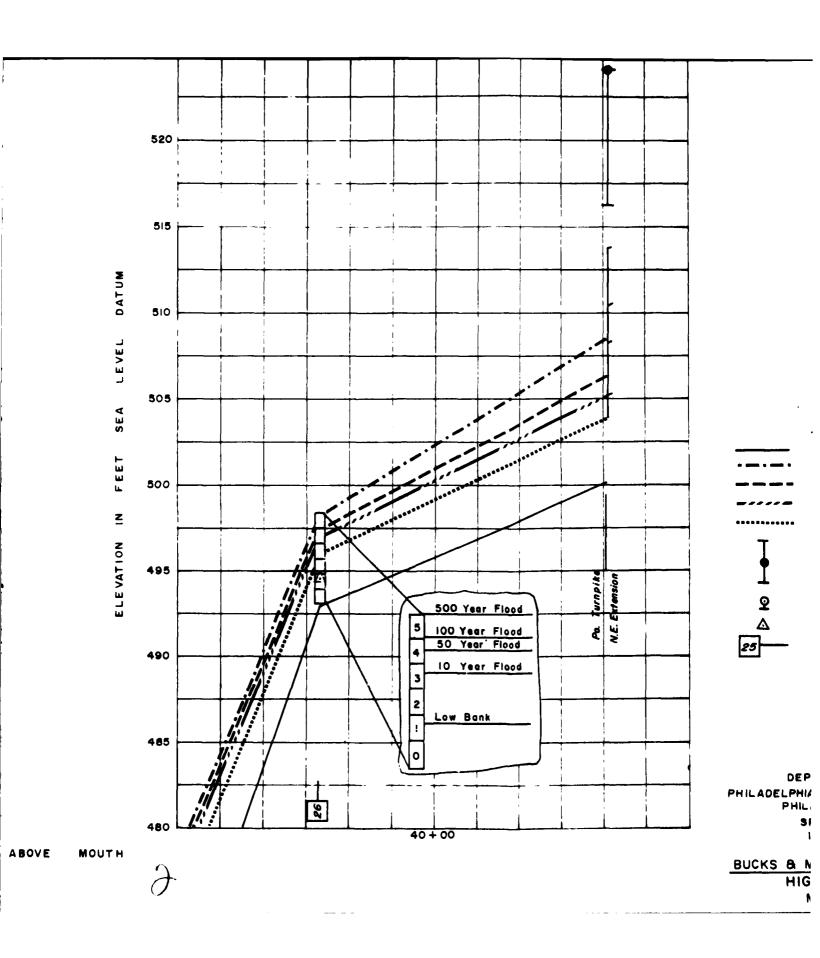
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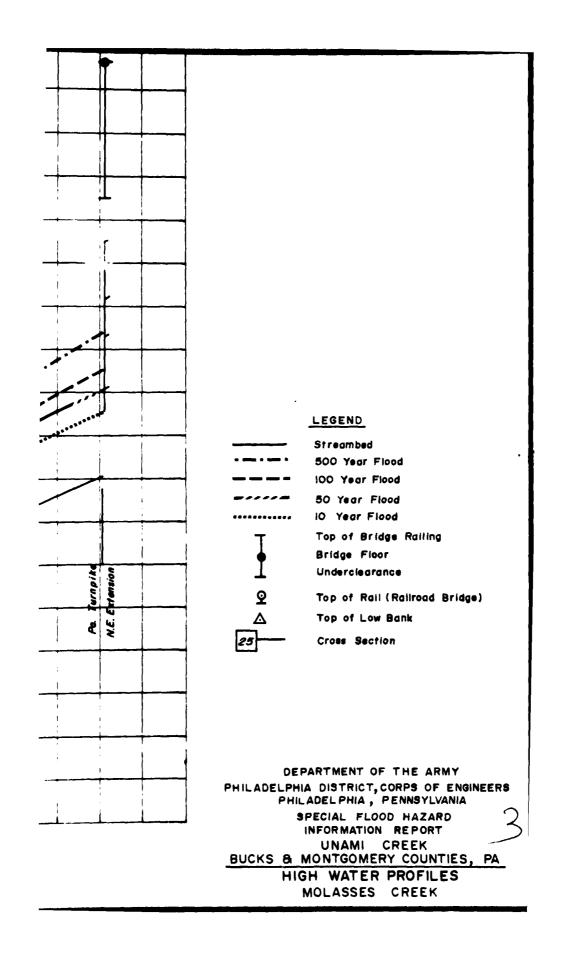


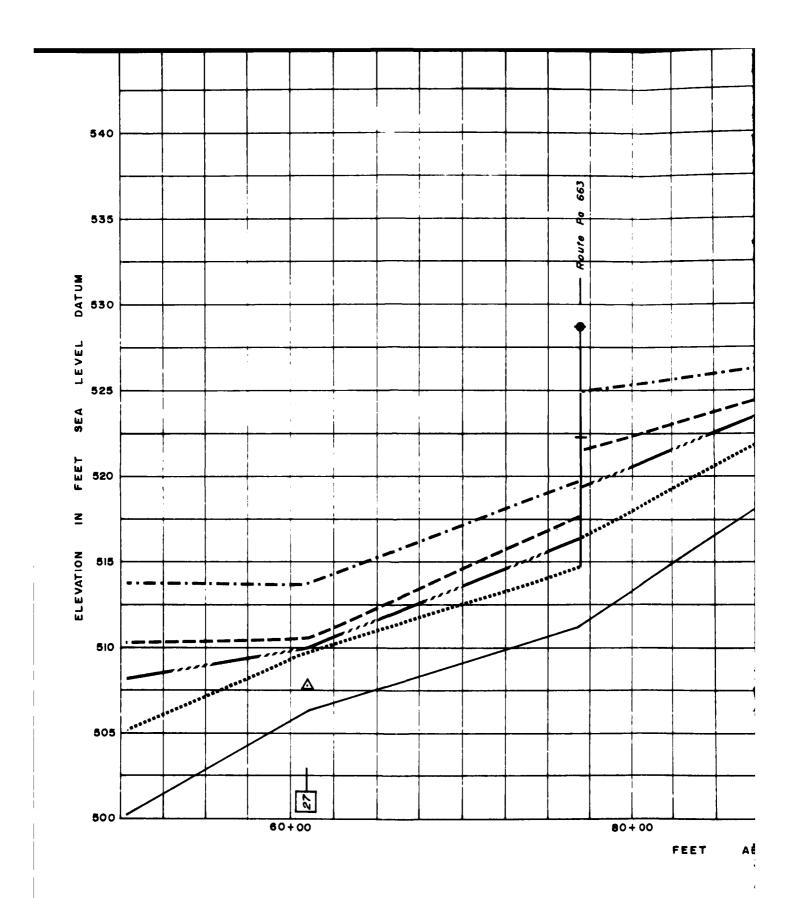


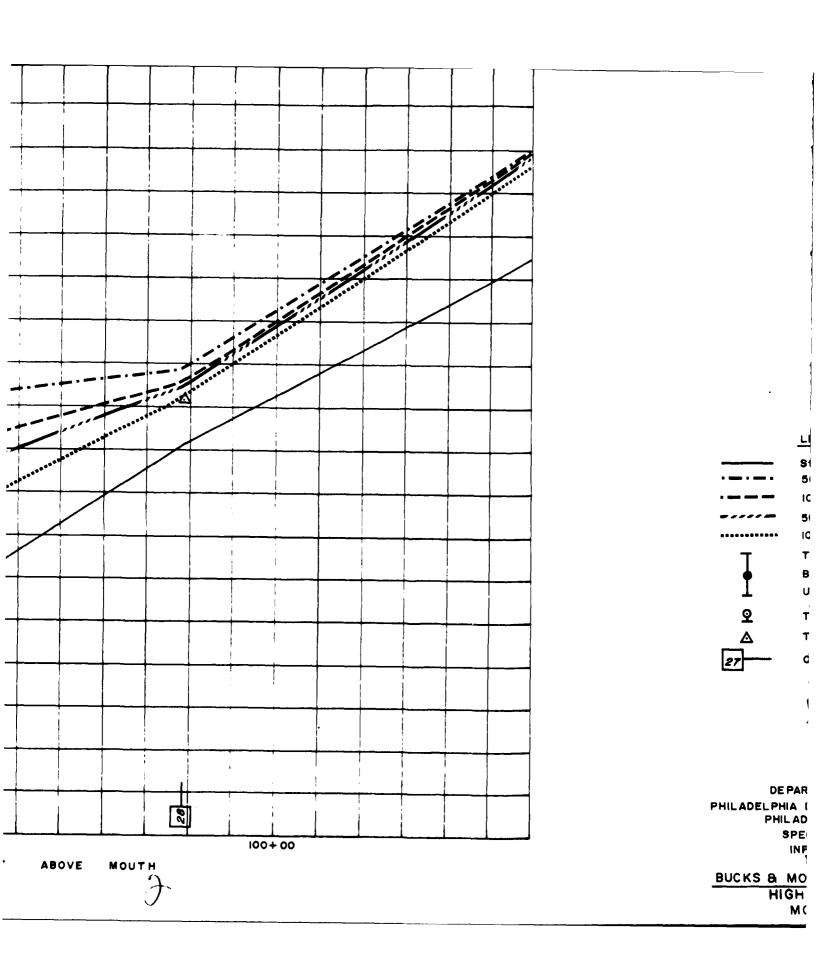










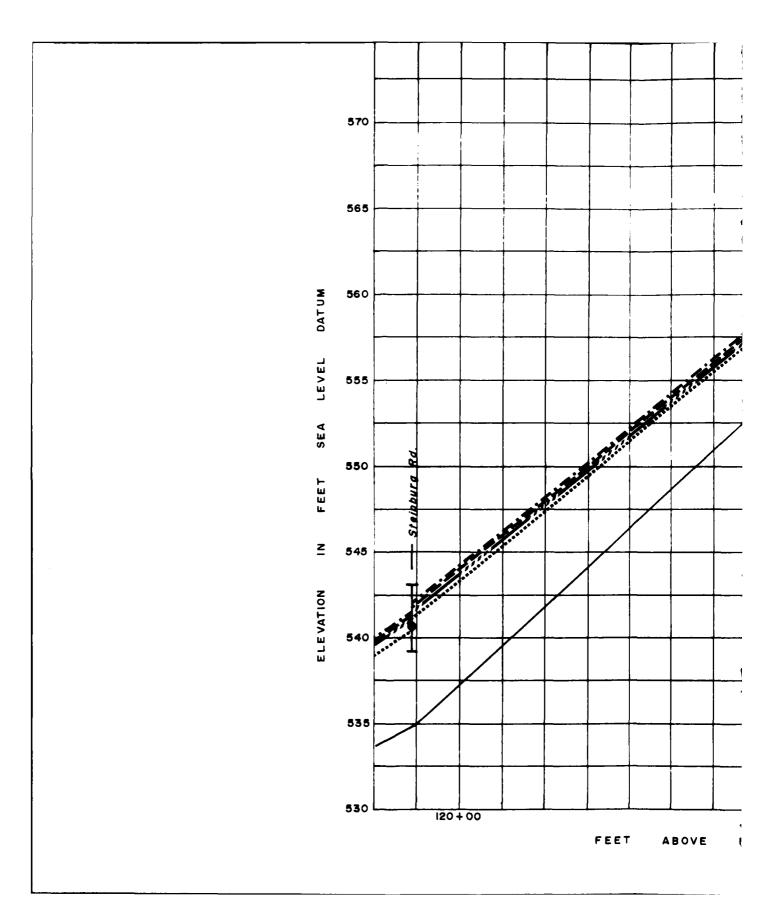


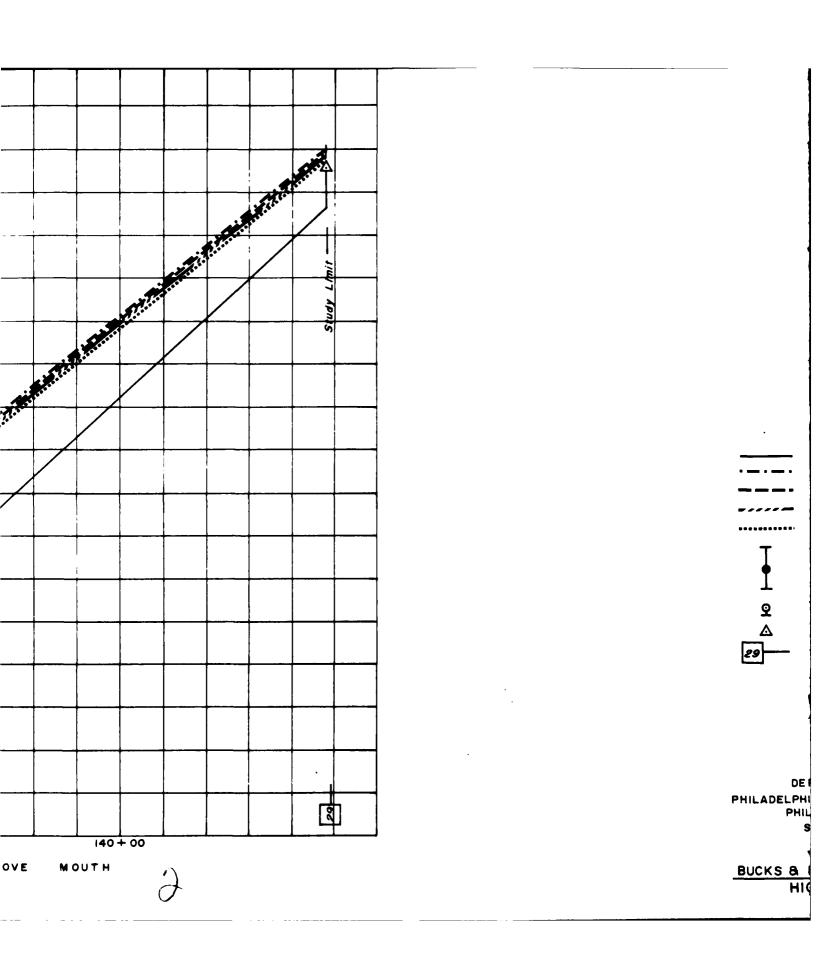
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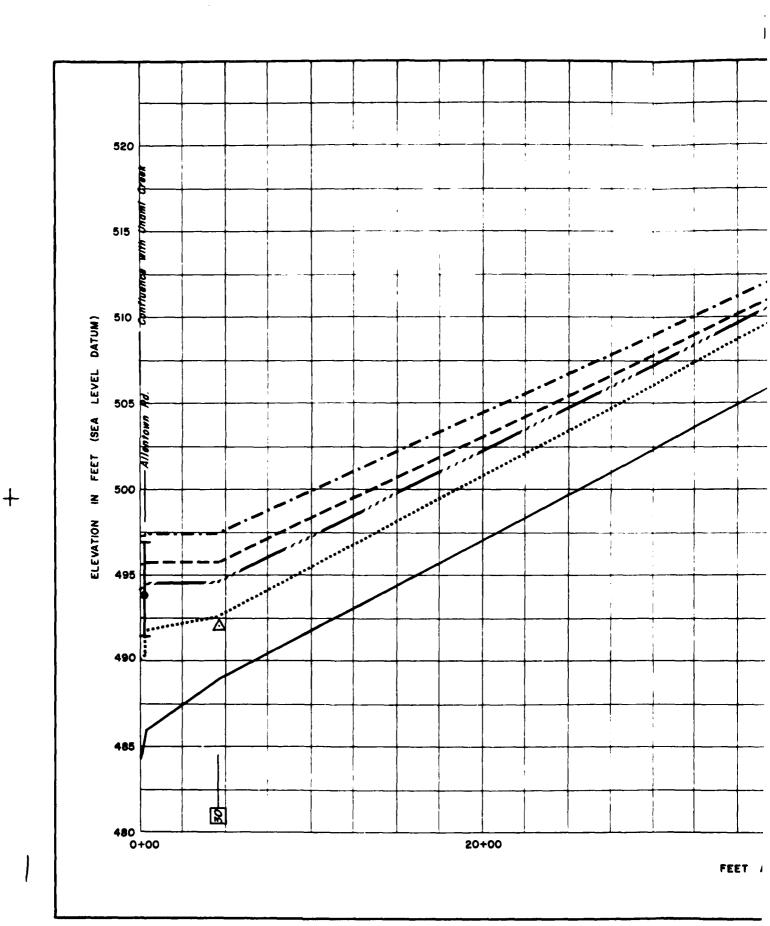
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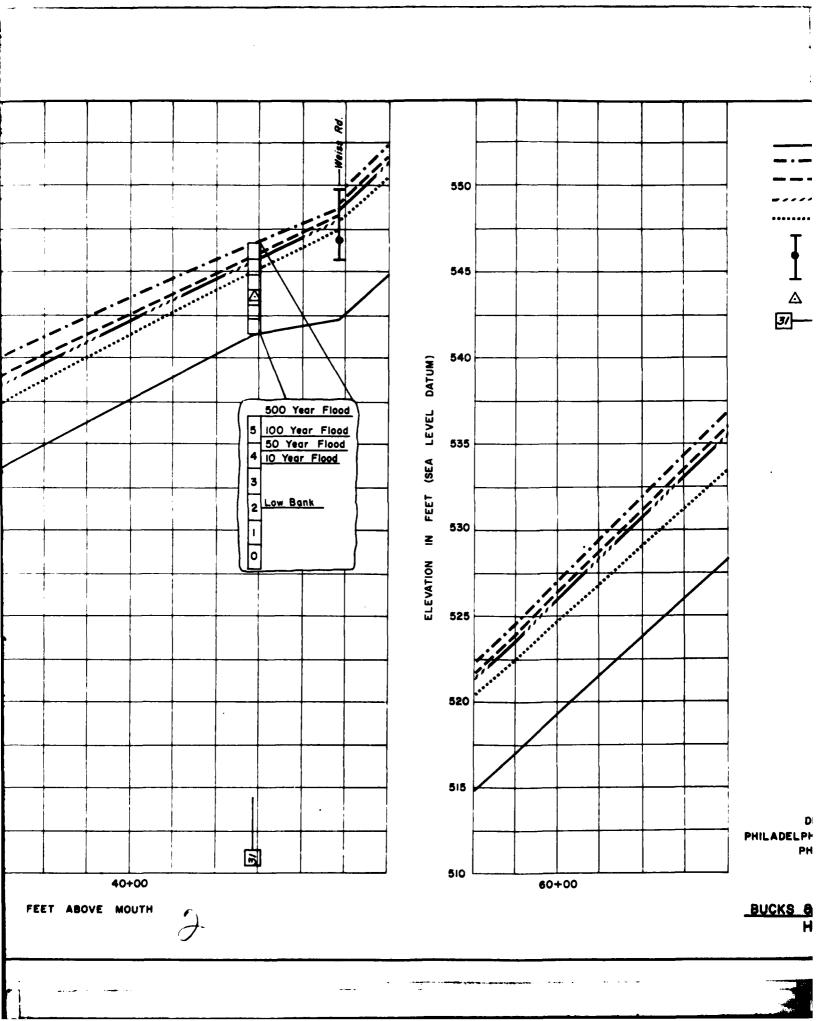
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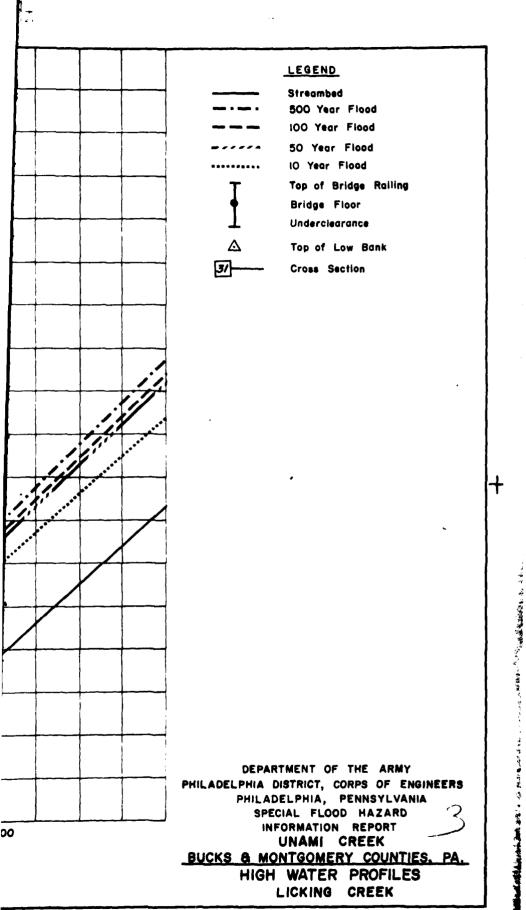
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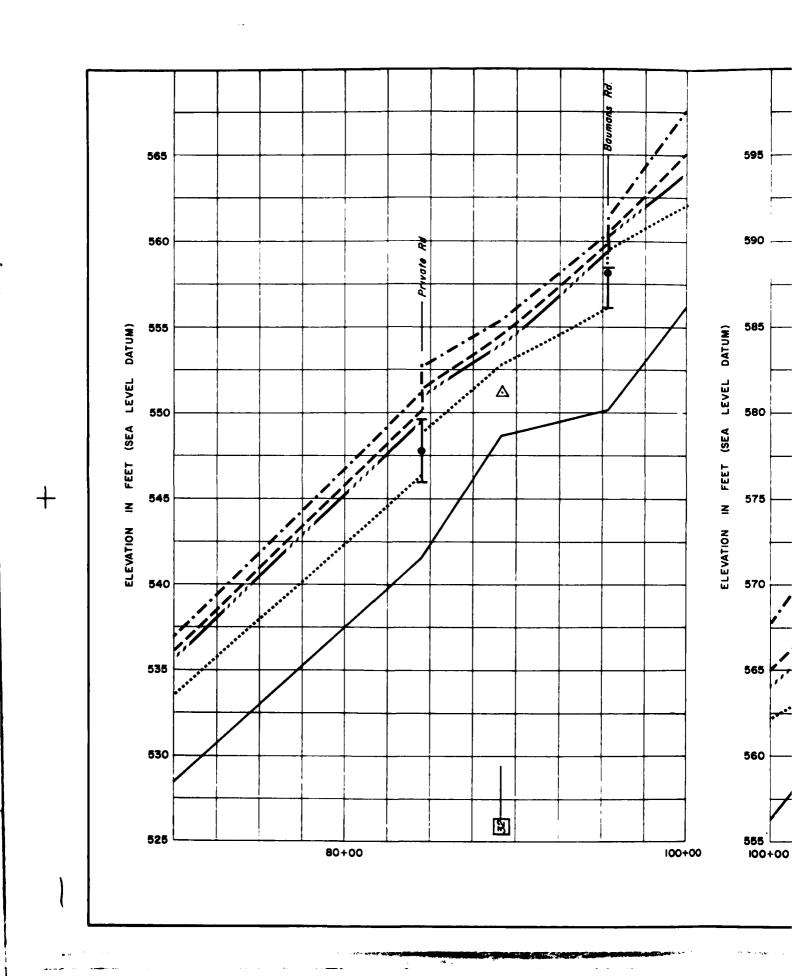
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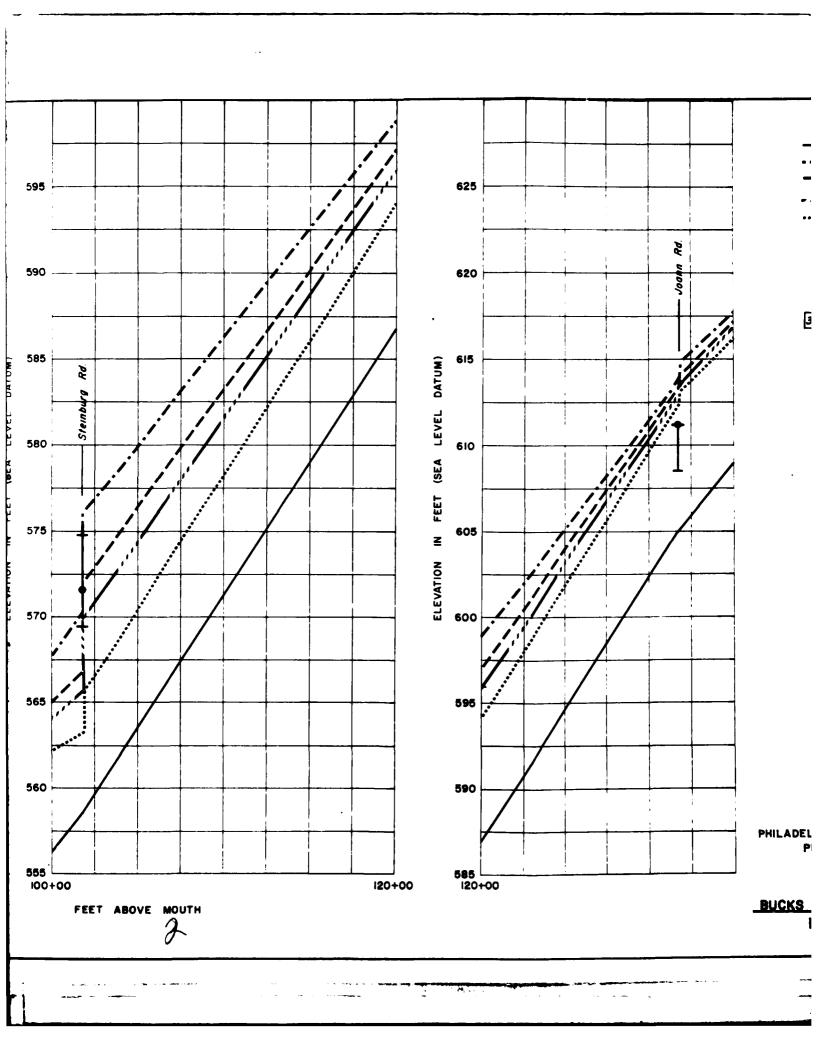
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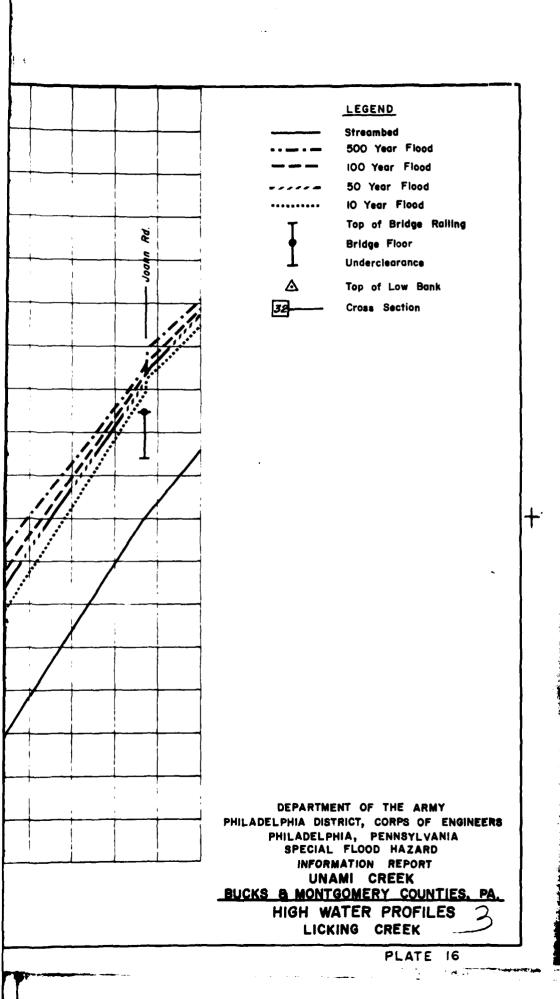


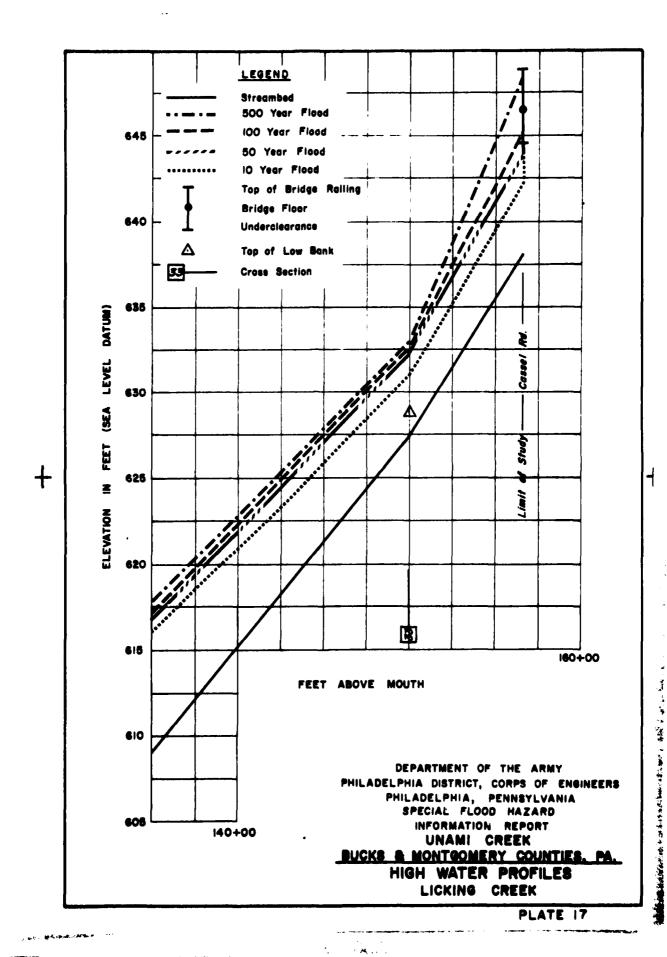


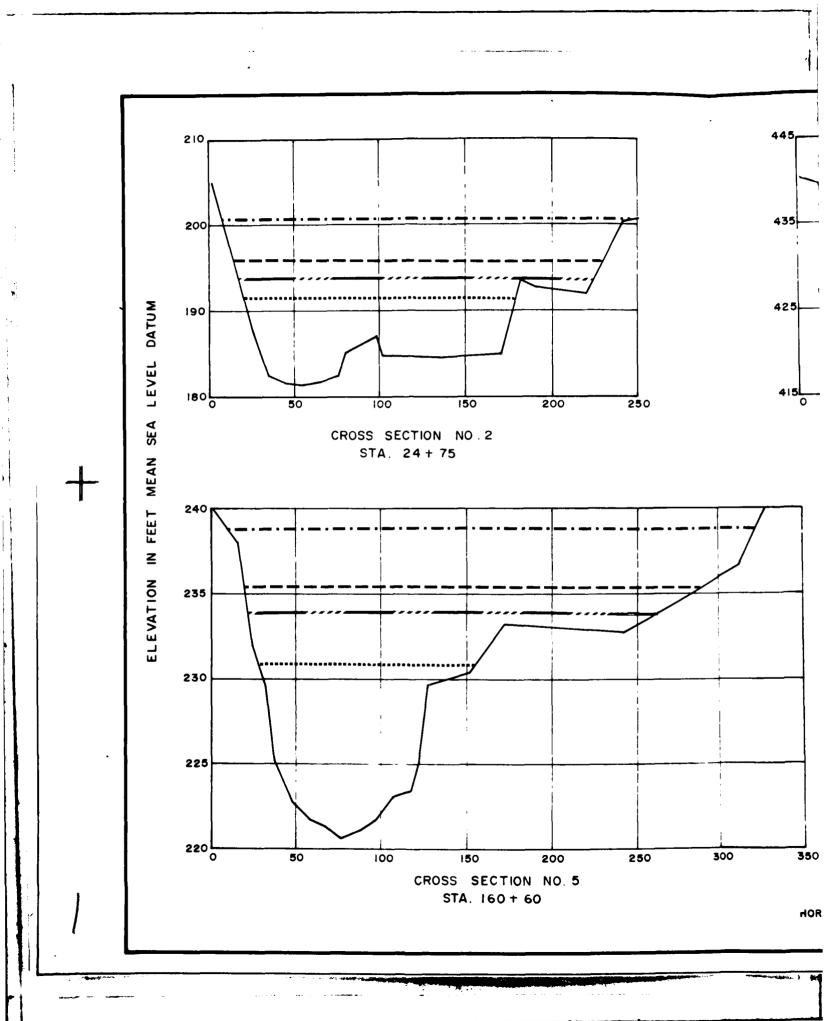


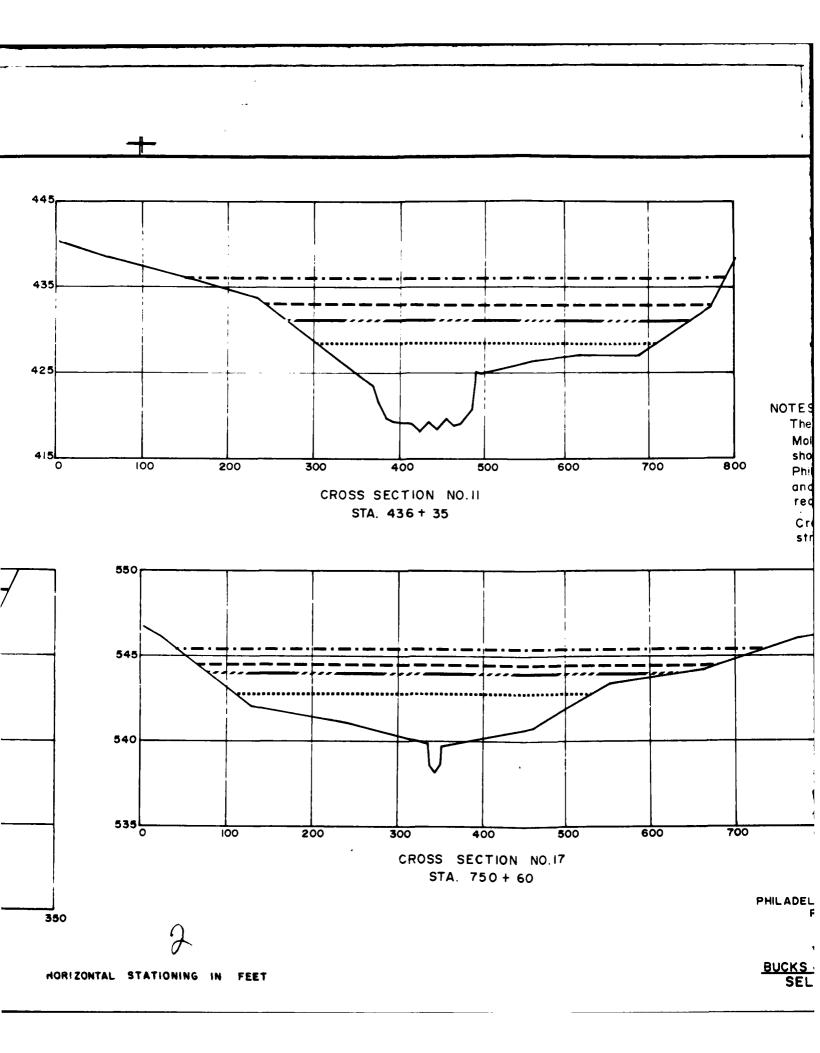


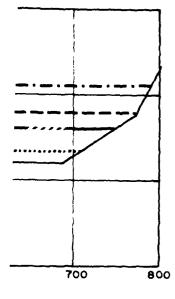










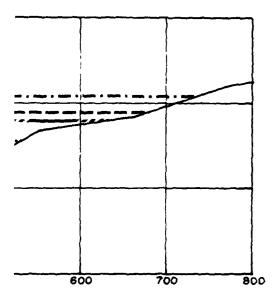


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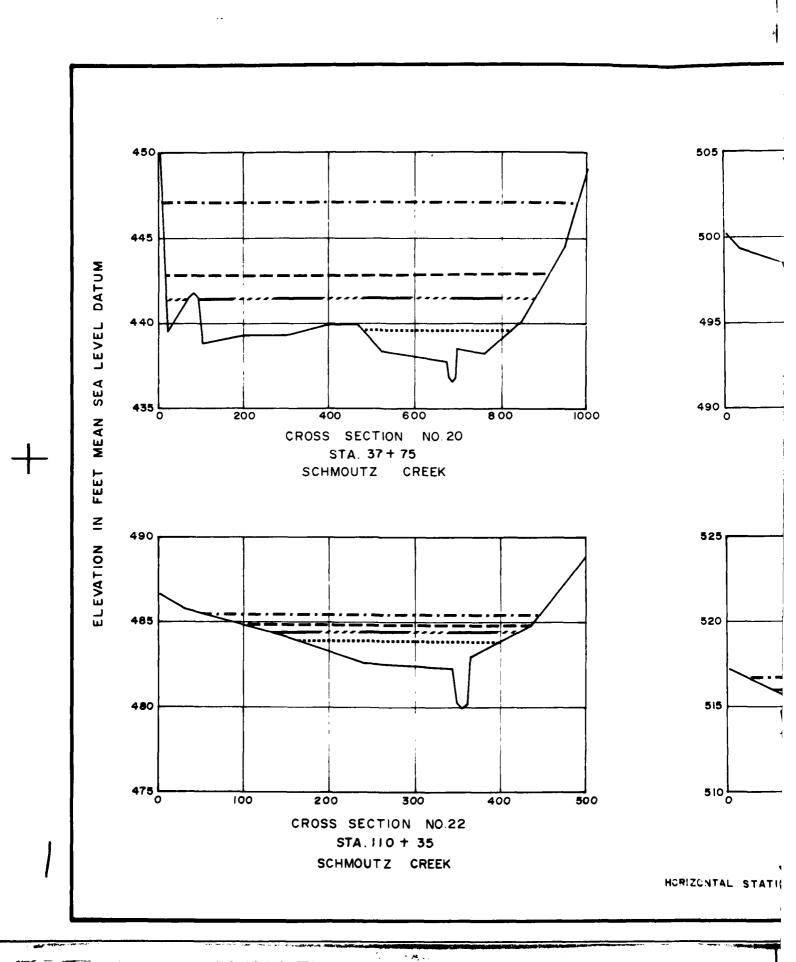
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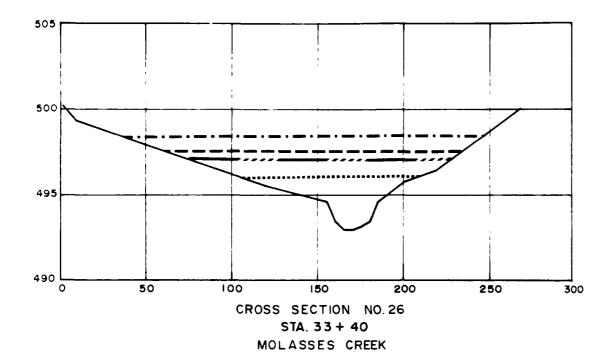
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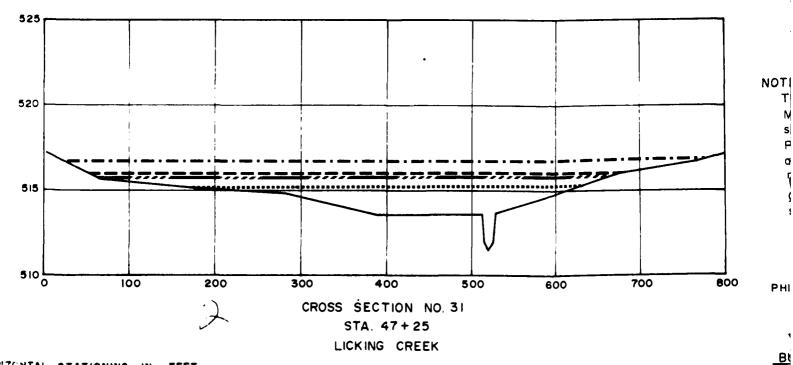


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